

2 Chronicles

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This book contains the account of the
reign of King Solomon and of the
other kings of Judah until the
Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem.

We call this book 2 Chronicles

Solomon prayed for wisdom

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King|strong="H5921" w* Solomon|strong="H8010" was|strong="H3068"
able|strong="H3201" to|strong="H3068" gain|strong="H2388"
complete|strong="H3617" control|strong="H2388" over|strong="H5921"
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Yahweh|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" God|strong="H3068"
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2-5w When|strong="H3588" w* David|strong="H1732" w
was|strong="H3068" w* w king|strong="H4428" w*, w
he|strong="H0834" w* w had|strong="H3068" w* w
arranged|strong="H6186" w* w for|strong="H3588" w* w
a|strong="H1961" w* w new|strong="H2319" w* Sacred|strong="H6944"
Tent|strong="H0168" w to|strong="H0413" w* w be|strong="H1961" w*
made|strong="H6213" in|strong="H0935" Jerusalem|strong="H3389".
Then|strong="H0227" David|strong="H1732" w and|strong="H3967" w* w
the|strong="H3605" w* Israeli w leaders|strong="H7218" w*
had|strong="H3068" brought|strong="H0935" God's|strong="H0430"
Sacred|strong="H6944" Chest|strong="H0727" from|strong="H4480"
Kiriath-Jearim|strong="H7157" w city|strong="H5892" w*
to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" new|strong="H2319"
Sacred|strong="H6944" Tent|strong="H0168" in|strong="H0935"
Jerusalem|strong="H3389" that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834"
had|strong="H3068" prepared|strong="H3559" for|strong="H3588"
it|strong="H5414". But|strong="H3588" w when|strong="H3588" w* w
Solomon|strong="H8010" w* w became|strong="H3205" w* w
the|strong="H3605" w* w king|strong="H4428" w*, the|strong="H3605"
first|strong="H7223" Sacred|strong="H6944" Tent|strong="H0168"
was|strong="H3068" still|strong="H5750" at|strong="H3427"
Gibeon|strong="H1391" w city|strong="H5892" w*. That|strong="H0834"

was|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3605" tent|strong="H0168"
 that|strong="H0834" Moses|strong="H4872", the|strong="H3605"
 man|strong="H0376" who|strong="H0834" served|strong="H5647"
 God|strong="H0430" w well|strong="H3190" w*, had|strong="H3068" w
 arranged|strong="H6186" w* w to|strong="H0413" w* w
 be|strong="H1961" w* made|strong="H6213" in|strong="H0935"
 the|strong="H3605" desert|strong="H6160". And|strong="H3967"
 the|strong="H3605" bronze|strong="H5178" altar|strong="H4196"
 that|strong="H0834" Bezalel|strong="H1212", the|strong="H3605"
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Uri|strong="H0221"
 and|strong="H3967" grandson|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"
 Hur|strong="H2354", had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213"
 was|strong="H3068" also|strong="H1571" still|strong="H5750"
 in|strong="H0935" Gibeon|strong="H1391", in|strong="H0935"
 front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3605"
 first|strong="H7223" Sacred|strong="H6944" Tent|strong="H0168".

w One|strong="H0259" w* w day|strong="H3117" w*
 Solomon|strong="H8010" summoned|strong="H7121"
 the|strong="H3605" army|strong="H2428" commanders|strong="H8269"
 of|strong="H1121" 1,000 soldiers|strong="H5650" and|strong="H3967"
 the|strong="H3605" commanders|strong="H8269" of|strong="H1121" 100
 soldiers|strong="H5650" and|strong="H3967" the|strong="H3605"
 judges|strong="H8199" and|strong="H3967" all|strong="H3605"
 the|strong="H3605" other|strong="H0312" leaders|strong="H7218"
 in|strong="H0935" Israel|strong="H3478". He|strong="H0834"
 told|strong="H5046" them|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0413"
 go|strong="H1980" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H5414"
 to|strong="H0413" Gibeon|strong="H1391". So|strong="H3651"
 they|strong="H1992" all|strong="H3605" went|strong="H1980"
 to|strong="H0413" a|strong="H1961" hill|strong="H2022"
 in|strong="H0935" Gibeon|strong="H1391" w where|strong="H0834" w*
 w the|strong="H3605" w* w Sacred|strong="H6944" w* w
 Tent|strong="H0168" w* w was|strong="H3068" w*, and|strong="H3967"
 Solomon|strong="H8010" and|strong="H3967" all|strong="H3605"
 the|strong="H3605" others|strong="H0312" with|strong="H5973"
 him|strong="H5414" worshiped|strong="H7812"
 Yahweh|strong="H3068" there|strong="H8033". ⁶ Then|strong="H5927"
 Solomon|strong="H8010" went|strong="H5927" up|strong="H5927"
 to|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" bronze|strong="H5178"
 altar|strong="H4196" in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440"
 of|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" Sacred|strong="H6944"
 Tent|strong="H0168", and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H8033"
 offered|strong="H5927" 1,000 animals|strong="H0929"
 to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" w killed|strong="H2026" w* w

and|strong = "H3068" w* completely|strong = "H3617"
 burned|strong = "H8313" w on|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w*.

7That|strong = "H7200" night|strong = "H3915" God|strong = "H5414"
 appeared|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H5414" Solomon|strong = "H8010" w
 in|strong = "H5414" w* w a|strong = "H5414" w* w
 dream|strong = "H2472" w* and|strong = "H3915" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414", "Request|strong = "H7592"
 whatever|strong = "H4100" you|strong = "H5414" want|strong = "H4270"
 me|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414" give|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414"."

8Solomon|strong = "H8010" replied|strong = "H0559",
 "You|strong = "H6213" were|strong = "H1732" very|strong = "H1419"
 kind|strong = "H4327" to|strong = "H6213" David|strong = "H1732"
 my|strong = "H1732" father|strong = "H0001", and|strong = "H1419"
 now|strong = "H1419" you|strong = "H6213" have|strong = "H5973"
 appointed|strong = "H6213" me|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213"
 be|strong = "H1732" the|strong = "H6213" king|strong = "H4427"
 to|strong = "H6213" succeed|strong = "H6743" him|strong = "H6213". ⁹
 So|strong = "H6258" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068", you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H1697" me|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068"
 become|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4427"
 to|strong = "H3068" rule|strong = "H4427" people|strong = "H5971"
 who|strong = "H5971" are|strong = "H5971" as|strong = "H1697"
 many|strong = "H7227" as|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921" particles
 of|strong = "H3068" dirt|strong = "H6083" on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" earth|strong = "H6083". So|strong = "H6258"
 do|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1697" you|strong = "H3588"
 promised|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H3068" father|strong = "H0001"
 David|strong = "H1732". ¹⁰ Please|strong = "H4994"
 enable|strong = "H7980" me|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3318"
 be|strong = "H5414" wise|strong = "H2451" and|strong = "H1419"
 to|strong = "H3318" know|strong = "H3045" w what|strong = "H4310" w* w
 I|strong = "H3588" w* w should|strong = "H3588" w* w
 do|strong = "H3318" w*, in|strong = "H6440" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" may|strong = "H5971"
 rule|strong = "H8199" these|strong = "H2088" people|strong = "H5971" w
 well|strong = "H3190" w*, because|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H2088"
 is|strong = "H2088" no|strong = "H5414" one|strong = "H2088"
 who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" rule|strong = "H8199"
 all|strong = "H5414" this|strong = "H2088" great|strong = "H1419"
 nation|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H6440" yours|strong = "H5414" w

without|strong = "H3588" w* w your|strong = "H5414" w* w
help|strong = "H5971" w*."

11 God|strong = "H3808" replied|strong = "H0559", "w
I|strong = "H3117" w* w am|strong = "H1961" w* w
pleased|strong = "H3190" w* w with|strong = "H5973" w* w
what|strong = "H1571" w* you|strong = "H5921" desire|strong = "H5315";
you|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H3808"
requested|strong = "H7592" a|strong = "H1961" huge|strong = "H7227"
amount|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H3117" money|strong = "H3701"
or|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
honored|strong = "H3519" or|strong = "H3808" that|strong = "H5971"
your|strong = "H5921" enemies|strong = "H8130" be|strong = "H1961"
killed|strong = "H2026". And|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H5921"
have|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H3808" requested|strong = "H7592"
that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H5921" live|strong = "H3117"
for|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H1961" long|strong = "H3117"
time|strong = "H3117". Instead|strong = "H3808", you|strong = "H5921"
have|strong = "H1961" requested|strong = "H7592" that|strong = "H5971" w
I|strong = "H3117" w* w enable|strong = "H7980" w* you|strong = "H5921" w
to|strong = "H1961" w* be|strong = "H1961" wise|strong = "H2451"
and|strong = "H3117" w to|strong = "H1961" w* know|strong = "H3045" w
what|strong = "H1571" w* w you|strong = "H5921" w* w
should|strong = "H3117" w* w do|strong = "H6213" w* in|strong = "H5921"
order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H5921"
may|strong = "H1961" govern|strong = "H4475" w well|strong = "H1571" w*
my|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" whom|strong = "H5971"
I|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H1961" appointed|strong = "H4427"
you|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961" rule|strong = "H4427". ¹²
Therefore|strong = "H3651" I|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H1961"
enable|strong = "H7980" you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1961"
be|strong = "H1961" wise|strong = "H2451" and|strong = "H4428"
to|strong = "H1961" know|strong = "H3045" w what|strong = "H3651" w* w
you|strong = "H5414" w* w should|strong = "H4428" w* w
do|strong = "H6213" w* w to|strong = "H1961" w* w rule|strong = "H4428" w*
w my|strong = "H5414" w* w people|strong = "H3808" w* w
well|strong = "H3651" w*. But|strong = "H3808" I|strong = "H5414"
will|strong = "H1961" also|strong = "H4428" enable|strong = "H7980"
you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1961" have|strong = "H1961"
a|strong = "H1961" huge|strong = "H1995" amount|strong = "H1697"
of|strong = "H4428" money|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H4428"
to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" honored|strong = "H3519",
more|strong = "H3651" than|strong = "H3808" anyone|strong = "H3605"
who|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H1961" previously|strong = "H6440"
a|strong = "H1961" king|strong = "H4428" ever|strong = "H3808"

was|strong = "H1961" honored|strong = "H3519", more|strong = "H3651"
 than|strong = "H3808" anyone|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H4428"
 later|strong = "H1961" becomes|strong = "H1961" king|strong = "H4428"
 will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" honored|strong = "H3519".¹³

Then|strong = "H8010" Solomon|strong = "H8010" w
 and|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w who|strong = "H3478" w* w
 were|strong = "H3478" w* w with|strong = "H5921" w* w
 him|strong = "H6440" w* w all|strong = "H5921" w* left|strong = "H3478"
 from|strong = "H6440" being|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H5921"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H6440" he|strong = "H8010"
 Sacred|strong = "H6944" Tent|strong = "H0168" w on|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w hill|strong = "H2022" w* w in|strong = "H5921" w* w
 w Gibeon|strong = "H1391" w*, and|strong = "H3478" they|strong = "H5921"
 returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
 From|strong = "H6440" there|strong = "H6440" he|strong = "H8010"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H6440" Israeli people|strong = "H5971".
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" wealth|strong = "H2428"

14 Solomon|strong = "H8010" acquired|strong = "H6213" 1,400
 chariots|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H3967" 12,000
 men|strong = "H8147" who|strong = "H4428" rode|strong = "H7392" w
 on|strong = "H1961" w* w horses|strong = "H6571" w*. He|strong = "H8147"
 put|strong = "H3240" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H1961" chariots|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H3967"
 horses|strong = "H6571" in|strong = "H4428" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",
 and|strong = "H3967" put|strong = "H3240" some|strong = "H4480"
 of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H8147" in|strong = "H4428"
 various|strong = "H2921" other|strong = "H8147" cities|strong = "H5892".
¹⁵ During|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H5414" years|strong = "H8141"
 that|strong = "H5414" Solomon|strong = "H8010" was|strong = "H4428"
 king|strong = "H4428", silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3701"
 gold|strong = "H2091" were|strong = "H4428" as|strong = "H7230"
 common|strong = "H7230" in|strong = "H4428" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 as|strong = "H7230" stones|strong = "H0068", and|strong = "H3701" lumber
 w from|strong = "H2091" w* cedar|strong = "H0730" trees|strong = "H8256"
 were|strong = "H4428" as|strong = "H7230" plentiful|strong = "H7230"
 as|strong = "H7230" lumber w from|strong = "H2091" w*
 ordinary|strong = "H2455" sycamore|strong = "H8256"
 trees|strong = "H8256" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414"
 foothills|strong = "H8219".¹⁶ Solomon's|strong = "H8010"
 horses|strong = "H5483" were|strong = "H4714"
 imported|strong = "H4161"/brought|strong = "H3947" from|strong = "H3947"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" and|strong = "H4428" from|strong = "H3947" w
 the|strong = "H3947" w* Kue|strong = "H6961" w region|strong = "H2256" w*

w in|strong = "H4428" w* Turkey. ¹⁷ In|strong = "H4428"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" his|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H3605"
 paid|strong = "H3318" 15 pounds|strong = "H1993" of|strong = "H4428"
 silver|strong = "H3701" for|strong = "H3027" each|strong = "H3605"
 chariot|strong = "H4818" and|strong = "H3967" 3-3/4
 pounds|strong = "H1993" of|strong = "H4428" silver|strong = "H3701"
 for|strong = "H3027" each|strong = "H3605" horse|strong = "H5483".
 They|strong = "H3651" also|strong = "H3027"
 exported|strong = "H3318"/sold|strong = "H3318" many|strong = "H7227"
 of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3318"
 the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" Heth|strong = "H2845" and|strong = "H3967"
 Aram|strong = "H0758" people-groups.
 Preparations for building the temple

2Solomon|strong = "H8010" ordered|strong = "H6680"
 that|strong = "H2022" a|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004"
 should|strong = "H5608" be|strong = "H2022" built|strong = "H1129"
 where|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H8010"
 be|strong = "H2022" worshiped|strong = "H7812" and|strong = "H3967"
 also|strong = "H8010" that|strong = "H2022" a|strong = "H5921"
 palace|strong = "H1004" should|strong = "H5608" be|strong = "H2022"
 built|strong = "H1129" for|strong = "H5921" himself|strong = "H5315". ²
 He|strong = "H6213" selected|strong = "H0977" 70,000
 men|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H7971" carry|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H6213" building|strong = "H1129" supplies|strong = "H4399"
 and|strong = "H7971" 80,000 men|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H7971"
 cut|strong = "H3772" stones|strong = "H0068" □w from|strong = "H7971" w*
 w quarries|strong = "H6456" w*/w walls|strong = "H2346" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* w rock|strong = "H6697" w* □ w
 in|strong = "H3427" w* the|strong = "H6213" hills|strong = "H1389".
 He|strong = "H6213" also|strong = "H1732" chose|strong = "H6213" 3,600
 men|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H7971" supervise|strong = "H5329"
 them|strong = "H7971".

3Solomon|strong = "H8010" sent|strong = "H3068" this|strong = "H2063"
 message|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478" King|strong = "H5921"
 Hiram|strong = "H2438" of|strong = "H1004" Tyre|strong = "H6865" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w*:

“ w Many|strong = "H7227" w* w years|strong = "H8141" w* w
 ago|strong = "H5769" w* when|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H3068"
 father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H1732" was|strong = "H3068"
 building|strong = "H1129" his|strong = "H3068" palace|strong = "H1004",
 you|strong = "H6440" sent|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478"

him|strong = "H6440" cedar|strong = "H0730" logs|strong = "H1129".
 Will|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" send|strong = "H7971"
 me|strong = "H6440" cedar|strong = "H0730" logs|strong = "H1129",
 too|strong = "H5921"?"

4"We|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1004" about|strong = "H3605"
 to|strong = "H1004" build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H3588"
 temple|strong = "H1004" where|strong = "H1004" we|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H1004" worship|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 our|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430". We|strong = "H3588"
 want|strong = "H4270" to|strong = "H1004" dedicate|strong = "H6942"
 it|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H1004" be|strong = "H1004"
 a|strong = "H3588" place|strong = "H1004" where|strong = "H1004"
 we|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H1004" burn|strong = "H8313"
 fragrant|strong = "H5561" incense|strong = "H7004" to|strong = "H1004" w
 honor|strong = "H3519" w* him|strong = "H3605", and|strong = "H1419"
 a|strong = "H3588" place|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H1004"
 put|strong = "H5414" loaves|strong = "H3899" of|strong = "H1004"
 sacred|strong = "H6944" bread|strong = "H3899", and|strong = "H1419"
 for|strong = "H3588" making|strong = "H3605" sacrifices|strong = "H2077"
 every|strong = "H3605" morning|strong = "H1242" and|strong = "H1419"
 every|strong = "H3605" evening|strong = "H6153" and|strong = "H1419"
 every|strong = "H3605" Sabbath|strong = "H7676" day|strong = "H3117",
 and|strong = "H1419" to|strong = "H1004" celebrate|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H1004" every|strong = "H3605" new|strong = "H2319"
 moon|strong = "H3394" and|strong = "H1419" at|strong = "H1004"
 other|strong = "H3605" special|strong = "H6381" religious
 festivals|strong = "H4150" to|strong = "H1004" w honor|strong = "H3519" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430".
 We|strong = "H3588" want|strong = "H4270" to|strong = "H1004"
 do|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H1419"
 forever|strong = "H3605", like|strong = "H1004" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 has|strong = "H3588" commanded|strong = "H6680". ⁵ w
 We|strong = "H3588" w* w want|strong = "H3808" w* this|strong = "H3588"
 temple|strong = "H1004" w to|strong = "H6440" w* be|strong = "H3808"
 a|strong = "H3588" great|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1004",
 because|strong = "H3588" our|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H3808"
 is|strong = "H4310" greater|strong = "H1419" than|strong = "H3808"
 all|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H0312" gods|strong = "H0430". ⁶
 But|strong = "H6258" no|strong = "H6213" one|strong = "H6213"
 can|strong = "H6213" really|strong = "H2088" build|strong = "H6213"
 a|strong = "H6213" temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3045"
 would|strong = "H6213" be|strong = "H3389" big|strong = "H0931"
 enough|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213" God|strong = "H7971" w

to|strong = "H7971" w* w live|strong = "H3427" w* w in|strong = "H6213" w*,
 because|strong = "H5973" even|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213"
 highest|strong = "H8064" heavens|strong = "H8064" are|strong = "H2450"
 not|strong = "H3045" big|strong = "H0931" enough|strong = "H6213"
 for|strong = "H6213" him|strong = "H7971". And|strong = "H3063"
 I|strong = "H6258" am|strong = "H1961" worthy|strong = "H4941"
 only|strong = "H0389" to|strong = "H7971" build|strong = "H6213"
 a|strong = "H6213" place|strong = "H3559" where|strong = "H0834"
 we|strong = "H6213" can|strong = "H6213" burn|strong = "H8313"
 sacrifices|strong = "H2077" to|strong = "H7971" him|strong = "H7971".

7Therefore|strong = "H3588", please|strong = "H4994"
 send|strong = "H7971" me|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H3772"
 man|strong = "H3045" who|strong = "H5650" knows|strong = "H3045"
 well|strong = "H3045" how|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H7971"
 make|strong = "H3772" things|strong = "H5973" from|strong = "H3772"
 gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H7971" silver|strong = "H3701"
 and|strong = "H7971" bronze|strong = "H5178" and|strong = "H7971"
 iron|strong = "H1270", and|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H7971"
 make|strong = "H3772" things|strong = "H5973" from|strong = "H3772"
 purple|strong = "H0713" and|strong = "H7971" red|strong = "H5488"
 and|strong = "H7971" blue|strong = "H8504" cloth|strong = "H0899".
 He|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H3588" also|strong = "H3588"
 know|strong = "H3045" well|strong = "H3045" how|strong = "H3588"
 to|strong = "H7971" engrave|strong = "H6605" designs|strong = "H4284".
 I|strong = "H3588" want|strong = "H3772" him|strong = "H7971"
 to|strong = "H7971" work|strong = "H4399" in|strong = "H5650"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H7971" in|strong = "H5650"
 other|strong = "H0312" places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5650"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" with|strong = "H5973" my|strong = "H3045"
 skilled|strong = "H2450" craftsmen|strong = "H2796", the|strong = "H3588"
 ones|strong = "H2945" whom|strong = "H3588" my|strong = "H3045"
 father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H5973"
 appointed|strong = "H3045".

8I|strong = "H3588" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588"
 your|strong = "H3588" workers|strong = "H1129" are|strong = "H1004"
 skilled|strong = "H2450" in|strong = "H1004" cutting|strong = "H2799"
 timber|strong = "H6086", so|strong = "H3588" also|strong = "H3588"
 please|strong = "H4994" send|strong = "H7971" me|strong = "H3588"
 cedar|strong = "H0730" logs|strong = "H6086", pine|strong = "H1992"
 logs|strong = "H6086", and|strong = "H1419" juniper|strong = "H7574"
 logs|strong = "H6086" from|strong = "H6086" the|strong = "H3588"
 Lebanon|strong = "H3844" mountains|strong = "H2022".
 My|strong = "H3588" workers|strong = "H1129" will|strong = "H1004"

work|strong = "H6381" with|strong = "H1004" your|strong = "H3588"
workers|strong = "H1129". ⁹ In|strong = "H5650" that|strong = "H5414"
way|strong = "H1870", those|strong = "H1992" workers|strong = "H6466"
will|strong = "H5650" provide|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5414"
with|strong = "H3772" plenty|strong = "H7647" of|strong = "H5650" lumber.
w We|strong = "H2009" w* w will|strong = "H5650" w* w
need|strong = "H4270" w* w plenty|strong = "H7647" w*,
because|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H5414" want|strong = "H3772"
the|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H5414"
we|strong = "H2009" will|strong = "H5650" build|strong = "H1129"
to|strong = "H5414" be|strong = "H5414" large|strong = "H1419"
and|strong = "H6242" beautiful|strong = "H3303". ¹⁰ I|strong = "H5414"
will|strong = "H3068" pay|strong = "H5414" your|strong = "H3068"
workers|strong = "H6466", the|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H5971"
who|strong = "H5971" cut|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H5921"
logs|strong = "H6086", 100,000 bushels of|strong = "H4428"
ground|strong = "H0776" wheat|strong = "H2406", 100,000 bushels
of|strong = "H4428" barley|strong = "H8184", 110,000
gallons|strong = "H1324" of|strong = "H4428" wine|strong = "H3196",
and|strong = "H3068" 110,000 gallons|strong = "H1324" of|strong = "H4428"
olive|strong = "H2132" oil|strong = "H8081"."

11w When|strong = "H6213" w* Hiram|strong = "H2438" w
received|strong = "H3947" w* w that|strong = "H3045" w* w
message|strong = "H3068" w*, w he|strong = "H6213" w*
replied|strong = "H0559" by|strong = "H3068" sending|strong = "H7971"
this|strong = "H6213" message|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478"
Solomon|strong = "H8010":

" Because|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
loves|strong = "H0157" his|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H1121",
he|strong = "H6213" has|strong = "H3068" appointed|strong = "H5414"
you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3068"
their|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428"."

12w And|strong = "H7971" w* w Hiram|strong = "H2438" w* w
added|strong = "H3254" w*,

" Praise|strong = "H1984" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3045"
God|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H7971" whom|strong = "H0834"
the|strong = "H3045" Israeli people|strong = "H3045"
belong|strong = "H1961", the|strong = "H3045" one|strong = "H0259"
who|strong = "H3045" created|strong = "H1254" the|strong = "H3045"
sky|strong = "H8064" and|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H3045"

earth|strong = "H0776"! He|strong = "H7971" has|strong = "H3045"
 given|strong = "H5414" King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H7971"
 a|strong = "H7971" wise|strong = "H2450" son|strong = "H2450",
 one|strong = "H0259" who|strong = "H3045" is|strong = "H2450"
 very|strong = "H6258" smart|strong = "H1826"/intelligent|strong = "H0995"
 and|strong = "H7971" who|strong = "H3045" has|strong = "H3045"
 good|strong = "H2896" skill|strong = "H3045" and|strong = "H7971"
 understanding|strong = "H8394". He|strong = "H7971"
 wants|strong = "H2656" to|strong = "H7971" build|strong = "H1129"
 a|strong = "H7971" temple|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "H7971"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H7971"
 palace|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "H7971" himself|strong = "H3045".

13"I|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H1121"
 sending|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H6213" you|strong = "H5414"
 Hiram-Abi|strong = "H2361", a|strong = "H6213" man|strong = "H2450"
 who|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3701" very|strong = "H6213"
 skilled|strong = "H2450". ¹⁴ His|strong = "H7971" mother|strong = "H0517"
 was|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H7971"
 tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H5650" Dan|strong = "H1835",
 and|strong = "H7971" his|strong = "H7971" father|strong = "H0001"
 was|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H7971" w here|strong = "H6258" w* w
 in|strong = "H5650" w* Tyre|strong = "H6865". He|strong = "H7971"
 is|strong = "H5650" very|strong = "H6258" able|strong = "H3201"
 to|strong = "H7971" make|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H8081"
 from|strong = "H7971" gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H7971"
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H7971" bronze|strong = "H5178"
 and|strong = "H7971" iron|strong = "H1270" and|strong = "H7971"
 stone|strong = "H0068" and|strong = "H7971" wood|strong = "H6086",
 but|strong = "H6258" he|strong = "H7971" also|strong = "H1571"
 makes|strong = "H6213" nice|strong = "H2899" things|strong = "H8081"
 from|strong = "H7971" purple|strong = "H0713" and|strong = "H7971"
 blue|strong = "H8504" and|strong = "H7971" red|strong = "H5488"
 cloth|strong = "H0899", and|strong = "H7971" he|strong = "H7971"
 does|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H7971" kinds|strong = "H2178"
 of|strong = "H5650" engraving. He|strong = "H7971" can|strong = "H5650"
 make|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H8081" using|strong = "H5927"
 any|strong = "H3605" design|strong = "H6699"/pattern|strong = "H8403"
 that|strong = "H8081" you|strong = "H7971" give|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H7971" him|strong = "H7971". He|strong = "H7971"
 will|strong = "H5650" work|strong = "H4399" with|strong = "H7971"
 your|strong = "H7971" craftsmen|strong = "H2796", and|strong = "H7971"
 the|strong = "H7971" craftsmen|strong = "H2796" who|strong = "H5650"
 did|strong = "H5650" work|strong = "H4399" for|strong = "H7971"
 your|strong = "H7971" father|strong = "H0001", King|strong = "H4428"

David|strong = "H7971".

15"Now|strong = "H5921" please|strong = "H4994" send|strong = "H5927"
 us|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" wheat|strong = "H2406"
 and|strong = "H6086" barley|strong = "H8184" and|strong = "H6086"
 olive|strong = "H2132" oil|strong = "H8081" and|strong = "H6086"
 wine|strong = "H3196" that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H3605"
 promised|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H5927" send|strong = "H5927"
 to|strong = "H5927" us|strong = "H5921". ¹⁶ When|strong = "H4672"
 you|strong = "H3605" do|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605",
 my|strong = "H3605" workers|strong = "H6466" will|strong = "H3478"
 cut|strong = "H3478" from|strong = "H3478" trees|strong = "H6086"
 in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" Lebanon|strong = "H3844"
 mountains|strong = "H2022" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 logs|strong = "H6086" that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H3605"
 need|strong = "H4270" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w
 bring|strong = "H1732" w* w them|strong = "H4672" w* w
 down|strong = "H3381" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w sea|strong = "H3220" w*. Then|strong = "H1732"
 we|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H3478" w tie|strong = "H6029" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w logs|strong = "H6086" w* w
 together|strong = "H3162" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w*
 form|strong = "H8389" rafts|strong = "H1702" with|strong = "H1732"
 them|strong = "H4672", and|strong = "H3967" float|strong = "H6687"
 them|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 sea|strong = "H3220" to|strong = "H3478" Joppa|strong = "H3305" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w*. From|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H4672",
 you|strong = "H3605" w can|strong = "H4310" w* w
 arrange|strong = "H6186" w* w for|strong = "H3478" w*
 them|strong = "H4672" w to|strong = "H3478" w* w be|strong = "H3478" w*
 taken|strong = "H5608" up|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3478"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

17Solomon|strong = "H8010" told|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H6213"
 workers|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213" count|strong = "H5608"
 all|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" people|strong = "H5971"
 from|strong = "H2022" other|strong = "H0312" countries|strong = "H0776"
 who|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H5971" living|strong = "H2416"
 in|strong = "H6213" Israel|strong = "H5971", similar|strong = "H5307"
 to|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H6213"
 father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H5971"
 done|strong = "H6213". There|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H5971"
 153,600 of|strong = "H2022" them|strong = "H1992". ¹⁸
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" assigned|strong = "H5414" 70,000
 of|strong = "H1121" them|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0413"

carry|strong="H5375" materials, and|strong="H3967" 80,000
to|strong="H0413" cut|strong="H3772" stone|strong="H0068" w
from|strong="H4480" w* w quarries|strong="H6456" w* w
in|strong="H0935" w* the|strong="H3605" hills|strong="H1389",
and|strong="H3967" 3,600 of|strong="H1121" them|strong="H5414"
to|strong="H0413" supervise|strong="H5329" the|strong="H3605"
others|strong="H0312" and|strong="H3967" be|strong="H1961"
sure|strong="H0539" that|strong="H0834" they|strong="H1992"
worked|strong="H2388" steadily|strong="H1980".
Solomon's workers built the temple

3Then|strong="H7200" Solomon's|strong="H8010"
workers|strong="H1129" started|strong="H2490" to|strong="H3068"
build|strong="H1129" the|strong="H7200" temple|strong="H1004"
for|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068" in|strong="H3068"
Jerusalem|strong="H3389". They|strong="H3068" built|strong="H1129"
it|strong="H7200" on|strong="H7200" Moriah|strong="H4179"
Hill|strong="H2022", where|strong="H4725" w an|strong="H1129" w* w
angel|strong="H4397" w* w from|strong="H3068" w*
Yahweh|strong="H3068" had|strong="H3068" appeared|strong="H7200"
to|strong="H3068" his|strong="H3068" father|strong="H0001"
David|strong="H1732". They|strong="H3068" built|strong="H1129"
it|strong="H7200" on|strong="H7200" the|strong="H7200"
ground|strong="H4725" that|strong="H7200" Araunah|strong="H0728",
a|strong="H1129" descendant|strong="H2233" of|strong="H1004"
the|strong="H7200" Jebus|strong="H2982" people-group,
had|strong="H3068" sold|strong="H4376" to|strong="H3068"
David|strong="H1732" and|strong="H3068" where|strong="H4725"
David|strong="H1732" said|strong="H0559" that|strong="H7200"
it|strong="H7200" should|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068"
built|strong="H1129". 2 They|strong="H8141" began|strong="H2490"
the|strong="H1129" work|strong="H4399" in|strong="H8141" April,
when|strong="H3588" Solomon|strong="H8010" had|strong="H1129"
been|strong="H1961" ruling|strong="H4910" almost|strong="H4592"
four|strong="H0702" years|strong="H8141".

3The|strong="H1129" foundation|strong="H3245" of|strong="H1004"
the|strong="H1129" temple|strong="H1004" was|strong="H1004"
about|strong="H1004" 90 feet|strong="H7272" long|strong="H0753"
and|strong="H6242" 30 feet|strong="H7272" wide|strong="H7341". 4
The|strong="H6440" entrance|strong="H6607" room|strong="H1004"
across|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" front|strong="H6440"
of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" temple|strong="H1004"
was|strong="H1004" 30 feet|strong="H7272" wide|strong="H7341"
and|strong="H3967" 30 feet|strong="H7272" high|strong="H1363".

5Solomon's workers used panels/w boards w pine w wood w* w* to line the main hall of the temple. Then they covered those panels w very thin w* w sheets w* w of pure gold. Then they decorated the walls with carved w* w images of palm trees and designs that resembled chains. ⁶ They decorated the temple with very valuable stones. The gold that they used was from w land of Parvaim.

7They covered the ceiling beams, the door frames, the walls and doors of the temple with w very thin w* w sheets w* w of gold. They also carved w statues w* w of w* winged creatures on the walls. ⁸ They also built the Very Holy Place w inside w* w temple w*. It was 30 feet wide and 30 feet long. They covered its walls with sheets of pure gold that

altogether weighed 23 tons.⁹
 They used 1-1/4
 pounds of gold
 to cover w the
 w heads w of the
 nails. They also
 covered the walls
 of the upper
 rooms with sheets
 of gold.

10Solomon's workers
 made two statues
 of creatures with
 wings to put
 inside the Very Holy
 Place. They covered
 those statues
 with w very w
 thin w sheets w
 of gold.¹¹⁻¹² w
 Each w statue w
 had w two w
 long w wings w.
 One wing of
 each statue touched
 one of the
 walls of the
 Temple. The other
 wing of each
 statue touched a
 wing of the
 other statue.¹¹ It
 was 7-1/2 feet
 the outer tip
 of one wing
 to the other
 tip of the
 other wing. The
 inner wings of
 the two statues
 touched each other.

13It was 30 feet
 from the outer

wing|strong = "H3671" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440"
 one|strong = "H1004" statue|strong = "H6755" to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H6440" outer|strong = "H6440" wing|strong = "H3671"
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H3671"
 statue|strong = "H6755". The|strong = "H6440" statues|strong = "H2088"
 faced|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" doorway|strong = "H6607"
 to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" main|strong = "H1419"
 room|strong = "H1004".

14Solomon's|strong = "H8010" workers|strong = "H6213"
 made|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213" curtain|strong = "H6532" w
 to|strong = "H5927" w* w separate|strong = "H0914" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w main|strong = "H1419" w* w
 room|strong = "H2315" w* w from|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w Very|strong = "H6213" w* w
 Holy|strong = "H6944" w* w Place|strong = "H4725" w*. It|strong = "H5921"
 was|strong = "H3742" made|strong = "H6213" of|strong = "H5921"
 blue|strong = "H8504", purple|strong = "H8504", and|strong = "H8504"
 red|strong = "H5488" thread|strong = "H2339" and|strong = "H8504"
 fine|strong = "H6213" linen|strong = "H8336". There|strong = "H5927"
 were|strong = "H3742" figures|strong = "H1823" of|strong = "H5921"
 winged|strong = "H3671" creatures|strong = "H2416" that|strong = "H6213"
 were|strong = "H3742" embroidered|strong = "H7553" on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" curtain|strong = "H6532". ¹⁵ They|strong = "H5921"
 made|strong = "H6213" two|strong = "H8147" w bronze|strong = "H5178" w*
 pillars|strong = "H5982" and|strong = "H1004" put|strong = "H6213"
 them|strong = "H5921" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440"
 entrance|strong = "H6607" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440"
 temple|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H7218"
 each|strong = "H8147" 27 feet|strong = "H7272" high|strong = "H7218".
 Each|strong = "H8147" had|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213"
 top|strong = "H7218" over|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921"
 that|strong = "H6213" was|strong = "H1004" 7-1/2 feet|strong = "H7272"
 high|strong = "H7218". ¹⁶ The|strong = "H5921" workers|strong = "H6213"
 made|strong = "H6213" w carvings|strong = "H4734" w* w
 that|strong = "H5414" w* w resembled|strong = "H1823" w*
 chains|strong = "H8333" and|strong = "H3967" put|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414" on|strong = "H5921" top|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H7218" the|strong = "H5921" pillars|strong = "H5982".
 They|strong = "H5921" made|strong = "H6213" w
 carvings|strong = "H4734" w* w that|strong = "H5414" w* w
 resembled|strong = "H1823" w* w pomegranates|strong = "H7416"
 and|strong = "H3967" attached|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" chains|strong = "H8333". ¹⁷
 They|strong = "H5921" set|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965"

4The basin was set on twelve w statues w of bulls. There were three statues that faced north, three that faced west, three that faced south, and three that faced east. ⁵ The sides of the tank were 3 inches thick, and its rim was shaped like a curved petal of flowers. The basin held about 16,500 gallons w of water.

6They also made ten basins for washing the animals w that w were to be sacrificed. The priests used the very large tank for washing themselves.

7They also made ten gold lampstands according to what Solomon had instructed them. They put them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north side.

8They made ten tables and put

them|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213"
 temple|strong = "H1964", five|strong = "H2568" on|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H6213" south|strong = "H3225" side|strong = "H3225"
 and|strong = "H3967" five|strong = "H2568" on|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H6213" north|strong = "H8040" side|strong = "H3225".
 They|strong = "H6213" also|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" 100
 gold|strong = "H2091" bowls|strong = "H4219".

9They|strong = "H6213" also|strong = "H6213"
 constructed|strong = "H6213" one|strong = "H6213"
 courtyard|strong = "H2691" for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213"
 priests|strong = "H3548", and|strong = "H1419" a|strong = "H6213"
 larger|strong = "H1419" courtyard|strong = "H2691" w
 for|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 other|strong = "H0312" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w*.
 They|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" doors|strong = "H1817"
 for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" courtyards|strong = "H2691"
 and|strong = "H1419" covered|strong = "H6823" them|strong = "H6213"
 with|strong = "H6213" w thin|strong = "H1851" w* w
 sheets|strong = "H6341" w* w of|strong = "H3548" w*
 bronze|strong = "H5178". 10 They|strong = "H5414"
 placed|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" very|strong = "H3966"
 large|strong = "H1419" tank w on|strong = "H3220" w* w
 the|strong = "H5414" w* w south|strong = "H5045" w* w
 side|strong = "H3802" w* w of|strong = "H5045" w* w
 the|strong = "H5414" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*, at|strong = "H5414"
 the|strong = "H5414" southeast|strong = "H5045" corner|strong = "H3802".

11They|strong = "H6213" also|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213"
 pots|strong = "H5518" and|strong = "H4428" shovels|strong = "H3257" w
 for|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 ashes|strong = "H0665" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 the|strong = "H6213" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w*, and|strong = "H4428"
 other|strong = "H0312" small|strong = "H6996" bowls|strong = "H4219".

S o|strong = "H6213" Hiram|strong = "H2361" w and|strong = "H4428" w*
 w his|strong = "H6213" w* w workers|strong = "H4399" w*
 finished|strong = "H3615" the|strong = "H6213" work|strong = "H4399"
 that|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
 had|strong = "H8010" given|strong = "H6213" him|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H6213" do|strong = "H6213" at|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H6213" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428"
 God|strong = "H0430". 12 w These|strong = "H8147" w* w
 were|strong = "H7218" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 things|strong = "H8147" w* w that|strong = "H3805" w* w

they|strong = "H5921" w* w made|strong = "H3680" w*: the|strong = "H5921" two|strong = "H8147" large|strong = "H1419" pillars|strong = "H5982", the|strong = "H5921" two|strong = "H8147" bowl-shaped|strong = "H1543" top|strong = "H7218" parts|strong = "H3411" on|strong = "H5921" top|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H7218" the|strong = "H5921" pillars|strong = "H5982", the|strong = "H5921" two|strong = "H8147" sets|strong = "H0935" of|strong = "H7218" carvings|strong = "H4734" that|strong = "H3805" resembled|strong = "H1823" chains|strong = "H8333" to|strong = "H5921" decorate|strong = "H5710" the|strong = "H5921" tops|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H7218" the|strong = "H5921" two|strong = "H8147" pillars|strong = "H5982", ¹³ the|strong = "H6440" 400 carvings|strong = "H4734" that|strong = "H3805" resembled|strong = "H1823" pomegranates|strong = "H7416" that|strong = "H3805" were|strong = "H8147" placed|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H5921" two|strong = "H8147" rows|strong = "H2905", that|strong = "H3805" decorated|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H6440" bowl-shaped|strong = "H1543" tops|strong = "H3805" of|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" two|strong = "H8147" pillars|strong = "H5982", ¹⁴ the|strong = "H5921" stands|strong = "H4350", and|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H5921" basins|strong = "H3595" that|strong = "H6213" were|strong = "H5921" placed|strong = "H5414" on|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921", ¹⁵ the|strong = "H8478" very|strong = "H3966" large|strong = "H1419" tank, and|strong = "H1241" the|strong = "H8478" w statues|strong = "H2088" w* w of|strong = "H8478" w* twelve|strong = "H8147" bulls|strong = "H1241" underneath|strong = "H8478" it|strong = "H8478", ¹⁶ the|strong = "H3605" pots|strong = "H5518", shovels|strong = "H3257", meat|strong = "H1320" forks|strong = "H4207", and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" w needed|strong = "H1767" w* w for|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w work|strong = "H6213" w* w at|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w*.

A ll|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" Hiram|strong = "H2361" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w workers|strong = "H6213" w* made|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213" King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010" were|strong = "H4428" made|strong = "H6213" of|strong = "H4428" polished|strong = "H4838" bronze|strong = "H5178". ¹⁷ They|strong = "H4428" made|strong = "H6213" them|strong = "H5414" by|strong = "H3383" pouring|strong = "H5258" melted|strong = "H4549" bronze|strong = "H5178" into|strong = "H3332" the|strong = "H3332" clay|strong = "H5645" molds that|strong = "H4428" Hiram|strong = "H2361" had|strong = "H4428" set|strong = "H3332" up|strong = "H4428"

near|strong = "H7126" the|strong = "H3332" Jordan|strong = "H3383" w
 river|strong = "H5104"w* between|strong = "H0996"
 Succoth|strong = "H5523" and|strong = "H4428" Zarethan|strong = "H6891"
 w cities|strong = "H5892"w*. ¹⁸ All|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H3627"
 those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3588"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" w told|strong = "H8010"w* w
 them|strong = "H6213"w* w to|strong = "H6213"w* make|strong = "H6213"
 used|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213" very|strong = "H3966"
 large|strong = "H7230" amount|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H3627"
 bronze|strong = "H5178"; no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3605"
 tried|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213" weigh|strong = "H4948"
 it|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605".

¹⁹Solomon's|strong = "H8010" workers|strong = "H6213"
 also|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H3605"
 these|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H3627" put|strong = "H6213" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004": the|strong = "H3605"
 golden|strong = "H2091" altar|strong = "H4196", the|strong = "H3605"
 tables|strong = "H7979" on|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" put|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" sacred|strong = "H6944" bread|strong = "H3899", ²⁰
 the|strong = "H6440" pure|strong = "H5462" gold|strong = "H2091"
 lampstands|strong = "H4501" and|strong = "H4941" the|strong = "H6440"
 pure|strong = "H5462" gold|strong = "H2091" lamps|strong = "H5216", w
 in|strong = "H6440"w* w which|strong = "H2091"w* w
 the|strong = "H6440"w* w priests|strong = "H3548"w* w
 put|strong = "H1197"w* w oil|strong = "H8081"w* to|strong = "H6440"
 burn|strong = "H1197" in|strong = "H6440" front|strong = "H6440"
 of|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" Most|strong = "H6944"
 Holy|strong = "H6944" Place|strong = "H4941" as|strong = "H6440"
 God|strong = "H0430" had|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H5046" w
 Moses|strong = "H4872"w* w that|strong = "H2091"w* w
 the|strong = "H6440"w* w priests|strong = "H3548"w* w
 should|strong = "H3068"w* w do|strong = "H6213"w*, ²¹
 the|strong = "H1931" pure|strong = "H2889" gold|strong = "H2091"
 decorations that|strong = "H1931" resembled|strong = "H1823"
 flowers|strong = "H6525", and|strong = "H2091" the|strong = "H1931"
 lamps|strong = "H5216" and|strong = "H2091" tongs|strong = "H4457", ²²
 the|strong = "H5462" pure|strong = "H5462" gold|strong = "H2091"
 wick|strong = "H6594" trimmers and|strong = "H1004"
 bowls|strong = "H4219" for|strong = "H1004" sprinkling,
 and|strong = "H1004" dishes|strong = "H7086" and|strong = "H1004"
 lamp|strong = "H5216" snuffers|strong = "H4212", the|strong = "H5462"
 gold|strong = "H2091" doors|strong = "H1817" of|strong = "H1004"

the|strong = "H5462" temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5462" doors|strong = "H1817" to|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5462" main|strong = "H1419" hall|strong = "H1004".

5After|strong = "H1004" Solomon's|strong = "H8010"
 workers|strong = "H4399" had|strong = "H3068" finished|strong = "H7999"
 building|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004",
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" put|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" storage|strong = "H4543"
 rooms|strong = "H1004" everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H1732"
 had|strong = "H3068" dedicated|strong = "H6944" to|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068"—all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3068" gold|strong = "H2091"
 and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H6944" that|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1732" used|strong = "H6213" at|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004".
 The|strong = "H3605" Sacred|strong = "H6944" Chest|strong = "H0727"
 was|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"

2Then|strong = "H5927" King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
 summoned|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H3478"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 elders|strong = "H2205" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478",
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H4294"
 and|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605"
 families|strong = "H1121"/clans|strong = "H4940". He|strong = "H1931"
 wanted|strong = "H2654" them|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3478"
 help|strong = "H5826" to|strong = "H3478" bring|strong = "H5927"
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" Sacred|strong = "H6944" Chest|strong = "H0727"
 from|strong = "H5927" Zion|strong = "H6726" w Hill|strong = "H2022" w*,
 where|strong = "H0834" it|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3068"
 in|strong = "H3478" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w part|strong = "H7218" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w city|strong = "H5892" w*
 w called|strong = "H7121" w* 'The|strong = "H3605" City|strong = "H5892"
 of|strong = "H1121" David'. ³ So|strong = "H1931" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" gathered|strong = "H6950"
 together|strong = "H6950" along|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", during|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" Festival|strong = "H2282" of|strong = "H4428" w

Living w in w
 Temporary Shelters",
 in October.

4When they had all
 arrived, the
 descendants of Levi
 lifted up the
 Sacred Chest, ⁵ and
 they carried it
 and the Sacred
 Tent and the
 sacred things that
 were inside it.
 The priests, who
 were also descended
 from Levi, carried
 them. ⁶ King Solomon
 and many of
 the other people
 of Israel who
 had gathered there
 walked in front
 of the Sacred
 Chest. And they
 sacrificed a huge
 amount of sheep
 and cattle. No
 one was able
 to count them
 because w there
 were w very
 many w.

7The priests then
 brought the Sacred
 Chest into the
 Most Holy Place,
 the inner room
 of the temple,
 and they placed
 it under the
 wings of the
 statues of the
 creatures. ⁸ The

wings|strong = "H3671" of|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H5921"
 statues|strong = "H2088" spread|strong = "H6566" out|strong = "H6566"
 over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" Sacred|strong = "H6944"
 Chest|strong = "H0727" and|strong = "H4725" over|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" poles|strong = "H0905" by|strong = "H5921"
 which|strong = "H4725" it|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H1961"
 carried|strong = "H5921". ⁹ The|strong = "H6440" poles|strong = "H0905"
 were|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H2088" long|strong = "H5704",
 with|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" result|strong = "H4480"
 that|strong = "H7200" they|strong = "H3117" could|strong = "H2088"
 be|strong = "H1961" seen|strong = "H7200" by|strong = "H5921" w
 those|strong = "H4480" w* w who|strong = "H2088" w* w
 were|strong = "H1961" w* w standing|strong = "H5975" w*
 at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" entrance|strong = "H6607"
 to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H6440" Most|strong = "H4480"
 Holy|strong = "H6944" Place|strong = "H1961", but|strong = "H3808"
 they|strong = "H3117" could|strong = "H2088" not|strong = "H3808"
 be|strong = "H1961" seen|strong = "H7200" by|strong = "H5921"
 anyone|strong = "H7200" standing|strong = "H5975"
 outside|strong = "H2351" the|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1687".
 Those|strong = "H4480" poles|strong = "H0905" are|strong = "H3117"
 still|strong = "H5704" there|strong = "H8033". ¹⁰ The|strong = "H5414"
 only|strong = "H7535" things|strong = "H8147" that|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H3478" inside|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414"
 Sacred|strong = "H6944" Chest|strong = "H0727" were|strong = "H3478"
 the|strong = "H5414" two|strong = "H8147" stone|strong = "H0068"
 tablets|strong = "H3871" that|strong = "H3068" Moses|strong = "H4872"
 had|strong = "H3068" put|strong = "H5414" there|strong = "H3068"
 at|strong = "H3478" Sinai|strong = "H5514" Mountain|strong = "H2022",
 where|strong = "H0834" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" made|strong = "H3772"
 an|strong = "H5414" agreement|strong = "H7284" with|strong = "H5973"
 the|strong = "H5414" Israeli people|strong = "H1121" after|strong = "H3318"
 they|strong = "H3068" came|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318"
 of|strong = "H1121" Egypt|strong = "H4714".

¹¹ Then|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548"
 left|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" Holy|strong = "H6944"
 Place|strong = "H6944". All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 priests|strong = "H3548" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961"
 there|strong = "H1961", from|strong = "H4480" every|strong = "H3605"
 group|strong = "H7235", had|strong = "H1961" performed|strong = "H8104"
 the|strong = "H3605" rituals to|strong = "H3318" cause|strong = "H3318"
 them|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" be|strong = "H1961"
 acceptable|strong = "H7522" to|strong = "H3318" God|strong = "H0430". ¹²
 All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121"

of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1121"
 musicians|strong = "H7891"—Asaph|strong = "H0623",
 Heman|strong = "H1968", Jeduthun|strong = "H3038",
 their|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H3967"
 their|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605"
 relatives|strong = "H1121"—stood|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "H3847"
 the|strong = "H3605" east|strong = "H4217" side|strong = "H4217"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196".
 They|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" wearing|strong = "H2296"
 linen|strong = "H8336" clothes|strong = "H3847", and|strong = "H3967"
 they|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" playing|strong = "H5059"
 cymbals|strong = "H4700", harps|strong = "H3658", and|strong = "H3967"
 lyres|strong = "H3658". There|strong = "H5975" were|strong = "H1121" 120
 other|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1121" blowing|strong = "H2690"
 trumpets|strong = "H2689". ¹³ The|strong = "H8085" men|strong = "H7891"
 blowing|strong = "H2690" trumpets|strong = "H2689",
 those|strong = "H8085" playing|strong = "H5059" the|strong = "H8085"
 cymbals|strong = "H4700" and|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H0312"
 musical|strong = "H7892" instruments|strong = "H3627",
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H8085" singers|strong = "H7891",
 made|strong = "H1961" music|strong = "H7892" together|strong = "H8085",
 praising|strong = "H1984" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3068"
 singing|strong = "H7891" this|strong = "H3588" song|strong = "H7892":

“ Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H2896" w
 to|strong = "H3068" w* w us|strong = "H3588" w*;

h e|strong = "H3588" faithfully|strong = "H2617" loves|strong = "H0157"
 us|strong = "H3588" forever|strong = "H5769".”

T hen|strong = "H1961" w suddenly|strong = "H6597" w*
 the|strong = "H8085" temple|strong = "H1004" was|strong = "H3068"
 filled|strong = "H4390" with|strong = "H4390" a|strong = "H1961"
 cloud|strong = "H6051". ¹⁴ The|strong = "H6440" glorious|strong = "H3519"
 radiance|strong = "H5051" of|strong = "H1004" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 filled|strong = "H4390" the|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1004",
 with|strong = "H4390" the|strong = "H6440" result|strong = "H6903"
 that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H6440" priests|strong = "H3548"
 were|strong = "H1004" not|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201"
 to|strong = "H3201" continue|strong = "H5975" doing|strong = "H6213"
 their|strong = "H3068" work|strong = "H4399".

6Then|strong = "H3068" Solomon|strong = "H8010" said|strong = "H0559",
 "Yahweh|strong = "H3068", you|strong = "H0859" said|strong = "H0559"
 that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H0859" would|strong = "H3068"
 live|strong = "H7931" in|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H3068"
 dark|strong = "H6205" cloud|strong = "H6205". ² But|strong = "H3588"
 now|strong = "H6258" I|strong = "H1004" have|strong = "H1129"
 built|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1129" glorious|strong = "H8597"
 temple|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "H3427" you|strong = "H1129"
 to|strong = "H1004" live|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 forever|strong = "H5769"!"

3Then|strong = "H5975" while|strong = "H5975" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" stood|strong = "H5975"
 there|strong = "H5975", Solomon|strong = "H5975" turned|strong = "H5437"
 toward|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"
 and|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H3605" w asked|strong = "H7592" w* w
 God|strong = "H0430" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* bless|strong = "H1288"
 them|strong = "H6440". ⁴ He|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1696"
 to|strong = "H1696" them|strong = "H3027",

" Praise|strong = "H1288" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H1696" whom|strong = "H0834"
 we|strong = "H0587" Israelis belong|strong = "H1961", who|strong = "H3068"
 has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1696"
 happen|strong = "H1961" what|strong = "H6310" he|strong = "H3068"
 promised|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H3068"
 father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H1732". What|strong = "H6310"
 he|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 David|strong = "H1732" was|strong = "H3068" this|strong = "H1696":

5'From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H3117"
 that|strong = "H5971" I|strong = "H3117" brought|strong = "H3318"
 my|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" out|strong = "H3318"
 of|strong = "H1004" Egypt|strong = "H4714", I|strong = "H3117"
 have|strong = "H1961" never|strong = "H3808" chosen|strong = "H0977"
 a|strong = "H1961" city|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5921"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" in|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H1004"
 a|strong = "H1961" temple|strong = "H1004" should|strong = "H3117"
 be|strong = "H1961" built|strong = "H1129" for|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H3318" w worship|strong = "H3478" w*
 me|strong = "H5921" there|strong = "H8033". Nor|strong = "H3808"
 did|strong = "H3478" I|strong = "H3117" choose|strong = "H0977"
 anyone|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3318" be|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H3605" leader|strong = "H5057" of|strong = "H1004"
 my|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H5971". ⁶

But|strong = "H1961" now|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H5921"
 have|strong = "H1961" chosen|strong = "H0977" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921"
 place|strong = "H1961" for|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H3478" worship|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H3478" I|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H1961"
 chosen|strong = "H0977" you|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3478"
 rule|strong = "H4910" my|strong = "H1732" Israeli
 people|strong = "H5971".'

7w Then|strong = "H1961" w* w Solomon|strong = "H8010" w* w
 said|strong = "H0559" w*, "My|strong = "H3068" father|strong = "H0001"
 David|strong = "H1732" wanted|strong = "H3824" to|strong = "H3478"
 build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1961" temple|strong = "H1004"
 for|strong = "H8034" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478" whom|strong = "H0834"
 we|strong = "H8034" Israelis belong|strong = "H1961". ⁸
 But|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H5973", 'You|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H1961" wanted|strong = "H3824" to|strong = "H3068"
 build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1961" temple|strong = "H1004"
 for|strong = "H3588" me|strong = "H5973", and|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H1732" you|strong = "H3588" wanted|strong = "H3824"
 to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068"
 good|strong = "H2895". ⁹ However|strong = "H7535", you|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H1121" not|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3588"
 one|strong = "H3808" who|strong = "H1931" I|strong = "H3588"
 want|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3318" build|strong = "H1129"
 the|strong = "H3588" temple|strong = "H1004"; it|strong = "H1931"
 is|strong = "H1931" one|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H1121"
 your|strong = "H3588" own|strong = "H1961" sons|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H1931" w I|strong = "H3588" w* w want|strong = "H3808" w*
 w to|strong = "H3318" w* build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H3588"
 temple|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "H3588" me|strong = "H3318".'

10" And|strong = "H6965" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
 done|strong = "H3478" what|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H3068"
 promised|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696" do|strong = "H3068".
 I|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H3678" of|strong = "H1004"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H1696" succeed|strong = "H6965"
 my|strong = "H3068" father|strong = "H0001", and|strong = "H6965"
 I|strong = "H5921" am|strong = "H3068" ruling|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3427", like|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" promised|strong = "H1696", and|strong = "H6965"

I|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H3068" arranged|strong = "H6186"
 for|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H1696" temple|strong = "H1004"
 to|strong = "H1696" be|strong = "H1697" built|strong = "H1129"
 for|strong = "H5921" us|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1696"
 worship|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H1696" whom|strong = "H0834"
 we|strong = "H1697" Israelis belong|strong = "H8478". ¹¹
 I|strong = "H7760" have|strong = "H3068" put|strong = "H7760"
 the|strong = "H3068" Sacred|strong = "H6944" Chest|strong = "H0727"
 in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004",
 in|strong = "H3478" which|strong = "H3068" are|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3068" stone|strong = "H0068" tablets|strong = "H3871" w
 on|strong = "H7760" w* w which|strong = "H3068" w* w
 are|strong = "H1121" w* w engraved|strong = "H6605" w* w
 the|strong = "H3068" w* w Ten|strong = "H6235" w* w
 Commandments|strong = "H4687" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 the|strong = "H3068" agreement|strong = "H1285" that|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" made|strong = "H3772" with|strong = "H5973"
 us|strong = "H7760" Israeli people|strong = "H1121".
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" prayer|strong = "H8605" to|strong = "H3478"
 dedicate|strong = "H6942" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004"

12Then|strong = "H5975" Solomon|strong = "H5975"
 stood|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3478" front|strong = "H6440"
 of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196"
 which|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3478"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3709" of|strong = "H3068" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3068" gathered|strong = "H3478"
 there|strong = "H5975". ¹³ His|strong = "H3605" workers|strong = "H6213"
 had|strong = "H3478" built|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213"
 bronze|strong = "H5178" platform|strong = "H3595" there|strong = "H5975"
 w for|strong = "H3588" w* w him|strong = "H5414" w* w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w stand|strong = "H5975" w* w
 on|strong = "H5921" w*, which|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3478" 7-1/2
 feet|strong = "H7272" long|strong = "H3605" and|strong = "H3478" 7-1/2
 feet|strong = "H7272" wide|strong = "H7341" and|strong = "H3478" 4-1/2
 feet|strong = "H7272" high|strong = "H6967". They|strong = "H3588"
 put|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" outer|strong = "H2435" courtyard|strong = "H2691".
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" stood|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "H5921"
 that|strong = "H3588" platform|strong = "H3595" and|strong = "H3478"
 then|strong = "H5414" knelt|strong = "H1288" down|strong = "H1288"
 in|strong = "H5921" front|strong = "H5048" of|strong = "H8432"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3709"

of|strong = "H8432" Israel|strong = "H3478" who|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H3478" gathered|strong = "H6213" there|strong = "H5975",
 and|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H3588" spread|strong = "H6566"
 out|strong = "H6566" his|strong = "H3605" arms|strong = "H2220"
 toward|strong = "H5921" heaven|strong = "H8064", ¹⁴ and|strong = "H1980"
 he|strong = "H3068" prayed|strong = "H6419",

“ Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 to|strong = "H1980" whom|strong = "H6440" we|strong = "H1980" Israeli
 people|strong = "H3820" belong|strong = "H1961", there|strong = "H3605"
 is|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 like|strong = "H3644" you|strong = "H6440" in|strong = "H1980"
 heaven|strong = "H8064" or|strong = "H3068" on|strong = "H1980"
 the|strong = "H3605" earth|strong = "H8064". You|strong = "H6440"
 solemnly|strong = "H7650" promised|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3605"
 you|strong = "H6440" would|strong = "H3068" faithfully|strong = "H2617"
 love|strong = "H2617" us|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H1980"
 that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H4100"
 you|strong = "H6440" have|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H1980"
 for|strong = "H6440" us|strong = "H6440" who|strong = "H3605"
 earnestly|strong = "H5650" do|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H4100"
 you|strong = "H6440" want|strong = "H4270" us|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H1980" do|strong = "H3068".

15“You|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H5650" done|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H8104" things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3117"
 you|strong = "H3117" promised|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H8104"
 father|strong = "H0001" David|strong = "H1732", who|strong = "H5650"
 served|strong = "H5647" you|strong = "H3117" w very|strong = "H2088" w* w
 well|strong = "H1696" w*, that|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H3117"
 would|strong = "H5650" do|strong = "H8104". Truly|strong = "H3588",
 you|strong = "H3117" promised|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 do|strong = "H8104" those|strong = "H1696" things|strong = "H1697"
 for|strong = "H3027" him|strong = "H3027", and|strong = "H3117"
 today|strong = "H3117" we|strong = "H3117" see|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "H3117" by|strong = "H3027" your|strong = "H8104"
 power|strong = "H3027" you|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H5650"
 caused|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H1696" all|strong = "H3117"
 to|strong = "H1696" happen|strong = "H1961".

16“So|strong = "H1980" now|strong = "H6258", Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H6440" God|strong = "H3068" we|strong = "H1980" Israelis
 belong|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1696", please|strong = "H4994"
 do|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" things|strong = "H3808"
 that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" promised|strong = "H1696"

to|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H8104" father|strong = "H1121"
 David|strong = "H1732" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440"
 would|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068". You|strong = "H6440"
 said|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "H3068" there|strong = "H3427"
 would|strong = "H3068" always|strong = "H7535" be|strong = "H3808"
 some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H8104"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H1696" rule|strong = "H3427"
 Israel|strong = "H3478", if|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H3068"
 faithfully|strong = "H0571" conduct|strong = "H1870" their|strong = "H3068"
 lives|strong = "H3427" as|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068"
 did|strong = "H3478". ¹⁷ So|strong = "H6258" now|strong = "H6258",
 God|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H3068" us|strong = "H3478" Israeli
 people|strong = "H1696", cause|strong = "H1697" what|strong = "H1697"
 you|strong = "H1696" promised|strong = "H1696" David|strong = "H1732",
 who|strong = "H3068" served|strong = "H5647" you|strong = "H1696" w
 well|strong = "H1696" w*, to|strong = "H1696" happen|strong = "H1697".

18 "But|strong = "H3588", my|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H3808",
 will|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H3588" really|strong = "H2088"
 live|strong = "H3427" on|strong = "H5921" earth|strong = "H8064"
 among|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3427"? There|strong = "H2009"
 is|strong = "H2088" surely|strong = "H3588" not|strong = "H3808"
 enough|strong = "H1767" space|strong = "H3117" for|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H5921"
 sky|strong = "H8064", or|strong = "H3808" even|strong = "H3588"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H5921" heaven|strong = "H8064"!
 So|strong = "H3808" there|strong = "H2009" is|strong = "H2088"
 surely|strong = "H3588" not|strong = "H3808" enough|strong = "H1767"
 space|strong = "H3117" for|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 to|strong = "H5921" live|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3588"
 my|strong = "H5921" workers|strong = "H1129" have|strong = "H1129"
 built|strong = "H1129". ¹⁹ But|strong = "H6437" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 my|strong = "H8085" God|strong = "H3068", please|strong = "H8085"
 listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H8085"
 prayer|strong = "H8605", while|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H5650"
 am|strong = "H3068" pleading|strong = "H1696" with|strong = "H3068"
 you|strong = "H6440" this|strong = "H6440" day|strong = "H3117"
 and|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H8085"
 I|strong = "H5650" am|strong = "H3068" requesting. ²⁰
 Please|strong = "H8085" protect|strong = "H8104" this|strong = "H2088"
 temple|strong = "H1004" day|strong = "H3119" and|strong = "H1004"
 night|strong = "H3915". This|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H2088"
 the|strong = "H8085" place|strong = "H4725" about|strong = "H1961"
 which|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H7760" have|strong = "H1961"

said|strong = "H8085", 'I|strong = "H7760" will|strong = "H1961" always|strong = "H3605" be|strong = "H1961" there|strong = "H8033".' Please|strong = "H8085" listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H1961" my|strong = "H8085" prayer|strong = "H8605" about|strong = "H1961" this|strong = "H2088" place|strong = "H4725". ²¹ Listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H4480" when|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H2088" pray|strong = "H6419", and|strong = "H3478" listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3478" your|strong = "H8085" Israeli people|strong = "H5971" when|strong = "H8085" they|strong = "H5971" pray|strong = "H6419". Listen|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H4480" heaven|strong = "H8064", where|strong = "H4725" you|strong = "H4480" live|strong = "H3427"; and|strong = "H3478" when|strong = "H8085" you|strong = "H4480" hear|strong = "H8085" us|strong = "H8085" pray|strong = "H6419", forgive|strong = "H5545" us|strong = "H8085".

22 "If|strong = "H2398" someone|strong = "H0376" is|strong = "H2088" accused|strong = "H7170" of|strong = "H1004" doing|strong = "H6213" something|strong = "H1697" wrong|strong = "H2398" to|strong = "H6440" another|strong = "H7453" person|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H1004" they|strong = "H6440" bring|strong = "H5375" him|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H6440" testify|strong = "H6030" in|strong = "H1004" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004" your|strong = "H5375" altar|strong = "H4196" outside|strong = "H2351" this|strong = "H2088" holy|strong = "H6944" temple|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1004" if|strong = "H2398" he|strong = "H1004" says|strong = "H0559", 'I|strong = "H2088" did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H2088" do|strong = "H2088" that|strong = "H4196"; may|strong = "H1004" God|strong = "H0430" punish|strong = "H6485" me|strong = "H6440" if|strong = "H2398" I|strong = "H2088" am|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H2088" telling|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H6440" truth|strong = "H0571";' ²³ then|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414" listen|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H4480" heaven|strong = "H8064", and|strong = "H7725" you|strong = "H5414" decide|strong = "H8199" who|strong = "H5650" is|strong = "H1870" telling|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H8085" truth|strong = "H0571". Then|strong = "H5414" punish|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H8085" person|strong = "H8199" who|strong = "H5650" is|strong = "H1870" guilty|strong = "H7563" as|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213" deserves|strong = "H1288" to|strong = "H7725" be|strong = "H7563" punished|strong = "H6485", and|strong = "H7725" declare|strong = "H6663" that|strong = "H8085" the|strong = "H8085" other|strong = "H0312" person|strong = "H8199" is|strong = "H1870" innocent|strong = "H6666".

24 "And|strong = "H3478" when|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H6440" Israeli people|strong = "H5971" are|strong = "H5971"

defeated|strong = "H5062" by|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H6440"
 enemies|strong = "H0341" because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 sinned|strong = "H2398" against|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H3588", w
 and|strong = "H3478" w* w forced|strong = "H4522" w* w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w go|strong = "H7725" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 some|strong = "H5971" w* w distant|strong = "H7350" w* w
 country|strong = "H2022" w*, if|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 turn|strong = "H7725" away|strong = "H7725" from|strong = "H7725"
 their|strong = "H6440" sinful|strong = "H2398" behavior|strong = "H3027"
 and|strong = "H3478" turn|strong = "H7725" toward|strong = "H6440"
 this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3478"
 admit|strong = "H8085" w that|strong = "H3588" w* you|strong = "H3588" w
 have|strong = "H5971" w* w justly|strong = "H4941" w* w
 punished|strong = "H6485" w* w them|strong = "H7725" w*,
 and|strong = "H3478" plead|strong = "H7378" w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 you|strong = "H3588" w* w will|strong = "H5971" w* w
 forgive|strong = "H5545" w* w them|strong = "H7725" w*, ²⁵
 listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H7725" them|strong = "H5414"
 from|strong = "H4480" heaven|strong = "H8064" and|strong = "H3478"
 forgive|strong = "H5545" your|strong = "H5414" Israeli
 people|strong = "H5971" for|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H8085"
 sins|strong = "H2403" that|strong = "H5971" they|strong = "H1992" w
 have|strong = "H5971" w* w committed|strong = "H5414" w*,
 and|strong = "H3478" bring|strong = "H7725" them|strong = "H5414"
 back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" this|strong = "H5414"
 land|strong = "H8064" that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H5414"
 gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H7725" our|strong = "H5414"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001".

²⁶When|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H2403"
 not|strong = "H3808" allow|strong = "H5414" any|strong = "H1961"
 rain|strong = "H4306" to|strong = "H7725" fall|strong = "H1961"
 because|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H7725" people|strong = "H3808"
 have|strong = "H1961" sinned|strong = "H2398" against|strong = "H2398"
 you|strong = "H3588", if|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 turn|strong = "H7725" toward|strong = "H7725" this|strong = "H2088"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H7725" admit|strong = "H8085" w
 that|strong = "H3588" w* you|strong = "H3588" w have|strong = "H1961" w*
 w justly|strong = "H4941" w* w punished|strong = "H6485" w* w
 them|strong = "H7725" w*, and|strong = "H7725" turn|strong = "H7725"
 away|strong = "H7725" from|strong = "H7725" their|strong = "H7725"
 sinful|strong = "H2403" behavior|strong = "H3027" and|strong = "H7725"
 humbly|strong = "H6800" pray|strong = "H6419" to|strong = "H7725"
 you|strong = "H3588", ²⁷ hear|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H5921"
 heaven|strong = "H8064" and|strong = "H3478" forgive|strong = "H5545"

the|strong = "H5921" sins|strong = "H2403" of|strong = "H1870"
 your|strong = "H5414" Israeli people|strong = "H5971".
 Teach|strong = "H3384" them|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
 right|strong = "H3478" way|strong = "H1870" to|strong = "H3478"
 conduct|strong = "H1870" their|strong = "H5414" lives|strong = "H5315".
 Then|strong = "H5414" cause|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3478" rain|strong = "H4306" here|strong = "H1870"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" land|strong = "H5159"
 that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" gave|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3478" your|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H3478" belong|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3478"
 them|strong = "H5414" w permanently|strong = "H5769"w*.

28" And|strong = "H8179" when|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H8179" this|strong = "H3588"
 land|strong = "H0776" experience|strong = "H7200"
 famines|strong = "H3615" or|strong = "H5061" if|strong = "H3588"
 there|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H3605" a|strong = "H1961"
 plague|strong = "H5061", or|strong = "H5061" when|strong = "H3588"
 their|strong = "H3605" crops|strong = "H8393" are|strong = "H8179"
 destroyed|strong = "H4229" by|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966"
 hot|strong = "H2552" winds|strong = "H7307" or|strong = "H5061"
 by|strong = "H1961" mildew|strong = "H3420" or|strong = "H5061"
 by|strong = "H1961" locusts|strong = "H0697" or|strong = "H5061"
 grasshoppers|strong = "H2284", or|strong = "H5061" when|strong = "H3588"
 their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341" surround|strong = "H5439"
 any|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8179" their|strong = "H3605"
 cities|strong = "H8179" w in|strong = "H7458"w* w
 order|strong = "H4616"w* w to|strong = "H1961"w* w
 attack|strong = "H6696"w* w them|strong = "H1961"w*, if|strong = "H3588"
 any|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8179" those|strong = "H3605"
 bad|strong = "H7451" things|strong = "H3605" happen|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H1961" them|strong = "H1961", ²⁹ when|strong = "H1961"
 your|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H5971"
 earnestly|strong = "H3605" plead|strong = "H7378" with|strong = "H1004"
 you|strong = "H3605", knowing|strong = "H3045" in|strong = "H3478"
 their|strong = "H3605" inner|strong = "H1004" beings|strong = "H2088"
 that|strong = "H3045" they|strong = "H5971" are|strong = "H5971"
 suffering|strong = "H6040" w because|strong = "H3605"w* w
 they|strong = "H5971"w* w have|strong = "H1961"w* w
 sinned|strong = "H2398"w*, if|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H5971"
 stretch|strong = "H6566" out|strong = "H6566" their|strong = "H3605"
 hands|strong = "H3709" toward|strong = "H3709" this|strong = "H2088"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3478" pray|strong = "H8605", ³⁰
 hear|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H4480" your|strong = "H3605"

home|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3427" heaven|strong = "H8064",
 and|strong = "H1121" forgive|strong = "H5545" them|strong = "H5414".
 You|strong = "H3588" alone|strong = "H4480" know|strong = "H3045"
 what|strong = "H3045" each|strong = "H3605" person|strong = "H5545"
 is|strong = "H1870" thinking|strong = "H0559", so|strong = "H4480"
 reward|strong = "H7939" each|strong = "H3605" person|strong = "H5545"
 according|strong = "H4480" to|strong = "H5414"
 everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588"
 does|strong = "H6213", ³¹ in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H1992" will|strong = "H5414"
 revere|strong = "H3372" you|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H3117"
 conduct|strong = "H1870" their|strong = "H3605" lives|strong = "H2416"
 as|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H5414" want|strong = "H4270"
 them|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3212", all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605"
 they|strong = "H1992" live|strong = "H2416" in|strong = "H5921"
 this|strong = "H5414" land|strong = "H6440" that|strong = "H3605"
 you|strong = "H5414" gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3212"
 our|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001".

³²“There|strong = "H2088" will|strong = "H5971" be|strong = "H3808"
 some|strong = "H3027" foreigners|strong = "H5237" who|strong = "H1931"
 do|strong = "H2088" not|strong = "H3808" belong|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H3478" your|strong = "H5186" Israeli people|strong = "H5971"
 who|strong = "H1931" have|strong = "H5971" come|strong = "H7350"
 here|strong = "H2088" from|strong = "H3478" countries|strong = "H0776"
 far|strong = "H7350" away|strong = "H5186" because|strong = "H4616"
 they|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H5971" heard|strong = "H8085"
 that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H5971"
 very|strong = "H2088" great|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H3478"
 that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H3808" perform|strong = "H6213"
 great|strong = "H1419" miracles|strong = "H6381". If|strong = "H1931"
 they|strong = "H3808" turn|strong = "H5186" toward|strong = "H3027"
 this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3478"
 pray|strong = "H6419", ³³ from|strong = "H4480" your|strong = "H3605"
 home|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3427" heaven|strong = "H8064"
 listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H3605"
 prayer|strong = "H8605", and|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H6213"
 for|strong = "H3588" them|strong = "H5921" what|strong = "H2088"
 they|strong = "H3588" request|strong = "H1246" you|strong = "H3588"
 to|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H6213". Do|strong = "H6213"
 that|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H3427" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people-groups in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605"
 world|strong = "H8398" will|strong = "H5971" know|strong = "H3045"

about|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H3588" and|strong = "H3478"
 revere|strong = "H3372" you|strong = "H3588", like|strong = "H1004"
 we|strong = "H3588", your|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H5971" Israeli
 people|strong = "H5971" do|strong = "H6213". And|strong = "H3478"
 then|strong = "H2088" they|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H5971"
 know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H2088"
 is|strong = "H2088" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 that|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H5971"
 caused|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H8034"
 built|strong = "H1129" for|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588".

34“When|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" send|strong = "H7971"
 your|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H3318"
 go|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" places|strong = "H1004"
 to|strong = "H3318" attack|strong = "H4421" their|strong = "H5921"
 enemies|strong = "H0341", if|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 pray|strong = "H6419" to|strong = "H3318" you|strong = "H3588",
 wherever|strong = "H5921" they|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H5971",
 if|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" turn|strong = "H5971"
 toward|strong = "H1870" this|strong = "H2063" city|strong = "H5892"
 that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H5971"
 chosen|strong = "H0977" and|strong = "H7971" toward|strong = "H1870"
 this|strong = "H2063" temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3588"
 I|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H5971" caused|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3318" be|strong = "H8034" built|strong = "H1129"
 to|strong = "H3318" honor|strong = "H8034" you|strong = "H3588", ³⁵
 listen|strong = "H8085" in|strong = "H6213" heaven|strong = "H8064"
 to|strong = "H6213" their|strong = "H8085" prayers|strong = "H8605";
 listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H6213"
 they|strong = "H6213" plead|strong = "H7378" for|strong = "H6213"
 you|strong = "H6213" w to|strong = "H6213" w* w do|strong = "H6213" w*,
 and|strong = "H8064" assist|strong = "H6677" them|strong = "H6213".

36“w It|strong = "H5414" w* w is|strong = "H6440" w* w
 true|strong = "H0571" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w*
 everyone|strong = "H3605" sins|strong = "H2398". So|strong = "H5414",
 when|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H3808"
 sin|strong = "H2398" against|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H3588",
 and|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H3588" become|strong = "H1961"
 angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H5414",
 you|strong = "H3588" may|strong = "H5414" allow|strong = "H5414"
 their|strong = "H5414" enemies|strong = "H0341" to|strong = "H5414"
 capture|strong = "H7617" them|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H6440"
 take|strong = "H7617" them|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414"
 their|strong = "H5414" countries|strong = "H0776", even|strong = "H3588"

to|strong = "H5414" countries|strong = "H0776" that|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H7350" far|strong = "H7350" away|strong = "H7617". ³⁷
 When|strong = "H7725" that|strong = "H7725" happens|strong = "H1961", while|strong = "H7617" they|strong = "H8033" are|strong = "H3824" in|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H7725" countries|strong = "H0776" to|strong = "H7725" which|strong = "H8033" they|strong = "H8033" were|strong = "H0834" forced|strong = "H4522" to|strong = "H7725" go|strong = "H7725", if|strong = "H2603" they|strong = "H8033" are|strong = "H3824" sorry|strong = "H5162" for|strong = "H8033" having|strong = "H0369" sinned|strong = "H2398", if|strong = "H2603" they|strong = "H8033" say|strong = "H7725", 'We|strong = "H8033" have|strong = "H7617" sinned|strong = "H2398"; we|strong = "H8033" have|strong = "H7617" done|strong = "H2398" things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H7725" are|strong = "H3824" wrong|strong = "H5753" and|strong = "H7725" have|strong = "H7617" done|strong = "H2398" things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H7725" are|strong = "H3824" very|strong = "H2603" wicked|strong = "H7561", ³⁸ if|strong = "H0518" they|strong = "H5315" repent|strong = "H7725" very|strong = "H3966" sincerely|strong = "H8549", and|strong = "H7725" if|strong = "H0518" they|strong = "H5315" turn|strong = "H7725" toward|strong = "H1870" this|strong = "H5414" land|strong = "H0776" that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H5414" gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H7725" our|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001", and|strong = "H7725" toward|strong = "H1870" this|strong = "H5414" city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H5414" have|strong = "H5414" chosen|strong = "H0977" w to|strong = "H7725" w* w be|strong = "H3820" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w place|strong = "H5414" w* w where|strong = "H1004" w* w we|strong = "H5315" w* w should|strong = "H3068" w* w worship|strong = "H7812" w* w you|strong = "H5414" w*, and|strong = "H7725" toward|strong = "H1870" this|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "H5414" have|strong = "H5414" caused|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H7725" be|strong = "H3820" built|strong = "H1129" for|strong = "H8034" you|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H7725" pray|strong = "H6419", ³⁹ then|strong = "H6213" from|strong = "H4480" your|strong = "H8085" home|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3427" heaven|strong = "H8064" hear|strong = "H8085" their|strong = "H8085" prayer|strong = "H8605", and|strong = "H8064" listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H6213" them|strong = "H6213" while|strong = "H8085" they|strong = "H6213" plead|strong = "H7378" w for|strong = "H6213" w* w your|strong = "H8085" w* w help|strong = "H4480" w*, and|strong = "H8064" do|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H6213" they|strong = "H6213" ask|strong = "H7592" you|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213" do|strong = "H6213", and|strong = "H8064" forgive|strong = "H5545" your|strong = "H8085" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971" have|strong = "H5971" sinned|strong = "H2398" against|strong = "H4480"

you|strong = "H6213".

40“Now|strong = "H6258", my|strong = "H1961" God|strong = "H0430",
look|strong = "H5869" at|strong = "H1961" us|strong = "H4994"
and|strong = "H5869" listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H1961"
us|strong = "H4994" as|strong = "H1961" we|strong = "H4994"
pray|strong = "H4994" to|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H5869"
in|strong = "H4725" this|strong = "H2088" place|strong = "H4725".

41Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068",
come|strong = "H6965" and|strong = "H6965" stay|strong = "H3427"
in|strong = "H3068" this|strong = "H6258" place|strong = "H4725"
with|strong = "H3847" the|strong = "H3068" Sacred|strong = "H6944"
Chest|strong = "H0727",

t he|strong = "H3068" chest|strong = "H0727" that|strong = "H3068"
shows|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H3847"
are|strong = "H3068" powerful|strong = "H2392".

Y ahweh|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068", cause|strong = "H2600"
your|strong = "H3068" priests|strong = "H3548" to|strong = "H3068"
know|strong = "H3045" clearly|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3068"
you|strong = "H3847" have|strong = "H3068" blessed|strong = "H1288"
them|strong = "H8055".

C ause|strong = "H2600" us|strong = "H8055" your|strong = "H3068"
people|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H3068" rejoice|strong = "H8055"
because|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H2896" things|strong = "H2896" w
that|strong = "H3068" w* w you|strong = "H3847" w* w
do|strong = "H3068" w* w for|strong = "H3068" w* w us|strong = "H8055" w*.

42Yahweh|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068", do|strong = "H3068"
not|strong = "H1732" reject|strong = "H7725" me|strong = "H6440" w
the|strong = "H6440" w* w king|strong = "H6440" w* whom|strong = "H6440"
you|strong = "H6440" have|strong = "H3068" appointed|strong = "H4150" w
to|strong = "H7725" w* w be|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H6440" w*
w king|strong = "H6440" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* w
Israel|strong = "H3478" w*;

d o|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H1732" forget|strong = "H7911"
 that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" greatly|strong = "H3966"
 loved|strong = "H0157" David|strong = "H1732", who|strong = "H3068"
 served|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H6440" w very|strong = "H3966" w* w
 well|strong = "H2142" w*."

Solomon dedicated the temple

7When|strong = "H3615" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
 finished|strong = "H3615" praying|strong = "H6419", fire|strong = "H0784"
 came|strong = "H3381" down|strong = "H3381" from|strong = "H3381"
 the|strong = "H3068" sky|strong = "H8064" and|strong = "H3068"
 burned|strong = "H8313" all|strong = "H3615" the|strong = "H3068"
 offerings|strong = "H5930" and|strong = "H3068" sacrifices|strong = "H2077"
 w that|strong = "H3068" w* w were|strong = "H8064" w* w
 on|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w* w
 altar|strong = "H4196" w*, and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 glorious|strong = "H3519" radiance|strong = "H5051" of|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" filled|strong = "H4390" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004". ² The|strong = "H3588"
 radiance|strong = "H5051" w was|strong = "H3068" w* w
 extremely|strong = "H3966" w* w bright|strong = "H0934" w*,
 with|strong = "H4390" the|strong = "H3588" result|strong = "H6903"
 that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" priests|strong = "H3548"
 could|strong = "H3201" not|strong = "H3808" enter|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H3588" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ³ When|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H1121" w
 who|strong = "H3605" w* w were|strong = "H3478" w* w
 there|strong = "H3605" w* saw|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H3605"
 fire|strong = "H0784" coming|strong = "H3381" down|strong = "H3381"
 and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" glory|strong = "H3519"
 of|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" above|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004", they|strong = "H3588"
 prostrated|strong = "H7812" themselves|strong = "H7812"
 with|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3605" faces|strong = "H5921"
 touching|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" ground|strong = "H0776".
 They|strong = "H3588" worshiped|strong = "H7812" and|strong = "H1121"
 thanked|strong = "H1288" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 singing|strong = "H7440",

“ Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" always|strong = "H3605"
 good|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3381" us|strong = "H5921”;

h e|strong = "H3588" faithfully|strong = "H2617" loves|strong = "H0157"
 us|strong = "H5921" forever|strong = "H5769".” ⁴⁻⁵ Then|strong = "H0227”

the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H3967"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"
 who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" there|strong = "H8033"
 dedicated|strong = "H6942" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 to|strong = "H0413" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" by|strong = "H0801"
 offering|strong = "H4503" more|strong = "H3254" sacrifices|strong = "H2077"
 to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H5414". King|strong = "H4428"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" gave|strong = "H5414" 22,000
 cattle|strong = "H4735" and|strong = "H3967" 120,000
 sheep|strong = "H6629" and|strong = "H3967" goats|strong = "H5795"
 to|strong = "H0413" be|strong = "H1961" sacrificed|strong = "H2076". ⁶
 The|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" stood|strong = "H5975"
 in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" positions|strong = "H7896",
 and|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 stood|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605"
 positions|strong = "H7896" holding|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H3605"
 musical|strong = "H7892" instruments|strong = "H3627" w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w praise|strong = "H1984" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", instruments|strong = "H3627"
 that|strong = "H3588" King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H1732"
 had|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3478"
 be|strong = "H3027" made|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H3588"
 praising|strong = "H1984" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3478"
 thanking|strong = "H3034" him|strong = "H5921". w
 They|strong = "H3588" w* w sang|strong = "H1984" w*, "He|strong = "H3588"
 faithfully|strong = "H2617" loves|strong = "H0157" us|strong = "H5921"
 forever|strong = "H5769". Facing|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548"
 stood|strong = "H5975", blowing|strong = "H2690" their|strong = "H3605"
 trumpets|strong = "H2690", while|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H3478"
 standing|strong = "H5975" w and|strong = "H3478" w* w
 listening|strong = "H8085" w*.

⁷Solomon|strong = "H8010" dedicated|strong = "H6942"
 the|strong = "H6440" middle|strong = "H8432" part|strong = "H8432"
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440" courtyard|strong = "H2691"
 in|strong = "H3068" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1004". Then|strong = "H6213"
 he|strong = "H3588" gave|strong = "H6213" offerings|strong = "H8002"
 to|strong = "H3201" be|strong = "H3808" completely|strong = "H3617"
 burned|strong = "H8313" there|strong = "H8033" along|strong = "H8432"
 with|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440" fat|strong = "H2459"

of|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" animals|strong="H0929"
to|strong="H3201" be|strong="H3808" sacrificed|strong="H6213"
to|strong="H3201" maintain|strong="H6213" fellowship|strong="H2266"
with|strong="H1004" Yahweh|strong="H3068". The|strong="H6440"
priests|strong="H3808" burned|strong="H8313" them|strong="H6440"
there|strong="H8033" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440"
courtyard|strong="H2691" because|strong="H3588" in|strong="H3068"
addition|strong="H5921" to|strong="H3201" those|strong="H6213"
things|strong="H3808" there|strong="H8033" were|strong="H1004"
offerings|strong="H8002" of|strong="H1004" grain|strong="H1715",
with|strong="H1004" the|strong="H6440" result|strong="H6903"
that|strong="H3588" there|strong="H8033" was|strong="H3068"
not|strong="H3808" enough|strong="H6213" space|strong="H3117"
on|strong="H3068" the|strong="H6440" bronze|strong="H5178"
altar|strong="H4196" to|strong="H3201" burn|strong="H8313"
all|strong="H6213" those|strong="H6213" sacrifices|strong="H5930".

8Solomon|strong="H8010" w and|strong="H3478" w* w
the|strong="H3605" w* w other|strong="H3605" w* w
people|strong="H1931" w* celebrated|strong="H6213"
the|strong="H3605" Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H3117"
Living|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3478" Temporary|strong="H5521"
Shelters|strong="H5521" for|strong="H5704" seven|strong="H7651"
days|strong="H3117". There|strong="H3117" was|strong="H3478"
a|strong="H6213" huge|strong="H1995" group|strong="H7235"
of|strong="H3117" people|strong="H1931" who|strong="H3605"
celebrated|strong="H6213" with|strong="H5973" him|strong="H6213".
Some|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3117" them|strong="H6213"
came|strong="H3478" from|strong="H3478" w as|strong="H5704" w* w
far|strong="H5704" w* w away|strong="H5973" w* w
as|strong="H5704" w* w Lebo-Hamath|strong="H2574" w
in|strong="H3478" w* w the|strong="H3605" w* w far|strong="H5704" w* w
w north|strong="H6828" w* and|strong="H3478" the|strong="H3605"
border|strong="H1366" of|strong="H3117" Egypt|strong="H4714" w
in|strong="H3478" w* w the|strong="H3605" w* w far|strong="H5704" w* w
w south|strong="H5045" w*. ⁹ On|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588"
eighth|strong="H8066"/next|strong="H4283" day|strong="H3117"
they|strong="H3588" gathered|strong="H6213" again|strong="H7725" w
to|strong="H6213" w* w worship|strong="H7812" w* w
Yahweh|strong="H3068" w*. They|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3588"
celebrated|strong="H6213" the|strong="H3588"
dedication|strong="H2598" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588"
altar|strong="H4196" for|strong="H3588" seven|strong="H7651"
days|strong="H3117" and|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3588"
Festival|strong="H2282" of|strong="H3117" Living|strong="H2416"

in|strong = "H6213" Temporary|strong = "H5521" Shelters|strong = "H5521" for|strong = "H3588" seven|strong = "H7651" days|strong = "H3117". ¹⁰

Then|strong = "H7971" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" next|strong = "H5921" day|strong = "H3117" Solomon|strong = "H8010" sent|strong = "H7971" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H3068" homes|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3478" very|strong = "H6213" joyful|strong = "H8056" because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H5921" good|strong = "H2896" things|strong = "H7969" that|strong = "H5971" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H5921" David|strong = "H1732" and|strong = "H3478" Solomon|strong = "H8010" and|strong = "H3478" for|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H3068" Israeli people|strong = "H5971".

Yahweh|strong = "H3068" appeared|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3478" Solomon|strong = "H8010" again|strong = "H7971"

11Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w workers|strong = "H6213" w* finished|strong = "H3615" building|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" palace|strong = "H1004". And|strong = "H3068" Solomon|strong = "H8010" finished|strong = "H3615" doing|strong = "H6213" everything|strong = "H3605" else|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H6213" had|strong = "H3068" planned|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H6213". ¹² Then|strong = "H2088" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" appeared|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H7200" one|strong = "H2088" night|strong = "H3915" w in|strong = "H3068" w* w a|strong = "H7200" w* w dream|strong = "H2472" w* and|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H7200",

“ I|strong = "H7200" have|strong = "H3068" heard|strong = "H8085" your|strong = "H3068" prayer|strong = "H8605", and|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H7200" have|strong = "H3068" chosen|strong = "H0977" this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H8085" place|strong = "H4725" where|strong = "H4725" my|strong = "H8085" people|strong = "H7200" will|strong = "H3068" offer|strong = "H2077" sacrifices|strong = "H2077" to|strong = "H3068" me|strong = "H7200".

13“When|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H2005" prevent|strong = "H6923" any|strong = "H1961" rain|strong = "H4306" from|strong = "H5921" falling|strong = "H5307", or|strong = "H3808" when|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H2005" command|strong = "H6680" locusts|strong = "H2284" to|strong = "H7971" eat|strong = "H0398" all|strong = "H5921"

the|strong = "H5921" crops|strong = "H8393", or|strong = "H3808"
 when|strong = "H1961" I|strong = "H2005" send|strong = "H7971"
 a|strong = "H1961" plague|strong = "H1698" among|strong = "H5921"
 my|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971", ¹⁴ if|strong = "H0518"
 the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971"
 belong|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H7725" me|strong = "H6440"
 humble|strong = "H3665" themselves|strong = "H6440" and|strong = "H7725"
 pray|strong = "H6419", and|strong = "H7725" request|strong = "H1245"
 me|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H7725" help|strong = "H4480"
 them|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H7725" if|strong = "H0518"
 they|strong = "H5921" turn|strong = "H7725" away|strong = "H7725"
 from|strong = "H4480" their|strong = "H6440" sinful|strong = "H2403"
 behavior|strong = "H1870", then|strong = "H7725" I|strong = "H5921"
 will|strong = "H5971" hear|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H4480"
 heaven|strong = "H8064". I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H5971"
 forgive|strong = "H5545" them|strong = "H5921" for|strong = "H5921"
 having|strong = "H0369" sinned|strong = "H2403" and|strong = "H7725"
 I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H5971" cause|strong = "H5971"
 them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H7725" prosper|strong = "H6743"
 again|strong = "H7725". ¹⁵ I|strong = "H6258" [SYN] will|strong = "H1961"
 see|strong = "H5869" them|strong = "H1961" and|strong = "H5869"
 I|strong = "H6258" [SYN] will|strong = "H1961" hear|strong = "H8085"
 them|strong = "H1961" when|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H4725"
 pray|strong = "H8605" to|strong = "H1961" me|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H4725" this|strong = "H2088" place|strong = "H4725". ¹⁶
 I|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H1961" chosen|strong = "H0977"
 and|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H1961" □set|strong = "H6942"
 apart|strong = "H6942"/dedicated|strong = "H6942"□ this|strong = "H2088"
 temple|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H1004" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5869" may|strong = "H1961"
 worship|strong = "H7812" [MTY] me|strong = "H1961"
 there|strong = "H8033" forever|strong = "H5769". I|strong = "H3117"
 will|strong = "H1961" always|strong = "H3605" watch|strong = "H5869"
 over|strong = "H5704" [MTY] it|strong = "H8033" and|strong = "H3117"
 protect|strong = "H3117" [IDM] it|strong = "H8033".

17"And|strong = "H1980" as|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213"
 you|strong = "H6440", if|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H6440"
 obey|strong = "H6213" me|strong = "H6440" as|strong = "H6213"
 David|strong = "H1732" your|strong = "H3605" father|strong = "H0001"
 did|strong = "H6213", and|strong = "H1980" if|strong = "H0518"
 you|strong = "H6440" do|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "H6680" command|strong = "H6680"
 you|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H1980" do|strong = "H6213",
 and|strong = "H1980" obey|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H3605"

my|strong = "H8104" laws|strong = "H2706" and|strong = "H1980"
 decrees|strong = "H2706", ¹⁸ I|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H3478"
 make|strong = "H3772" sure|strong = "H6965" that|strong = "H3478"
 your|strong = "H3808" descendants|strong = "H2233" will|strong = "H3478"
 always|strong = "H3605" be|strong = "H3808" kings|strong = "H4428",
 which|strong = "H3478" is|strong = "H3478" what|strong = "H1732"
 I|strong = "H3808" promised|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H3478"
 David|strong = "H1732" your|strong = "H3808" father|strong = "H0001",
 saying|strong = "H0559", 'Some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H3678"
 your|strong = "H3808" descendants|strong = "H2233" will|strong = "H3478"
 always|strong = "H3605" be|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3772"
 kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H3678" Israel|strong = "H3478".'

19"But|strong = "H5800" if|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H5414" Israelis
 turn|strong = "H7725" away|strong = "H7725" from|strong = "H7725"
 me|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H1980" disobey|strong = "H0854"
 the|strong = "H6440" decrees|strong = "H2711" and|strong = "H1980"
 commands|strong = "H4687" that|strong = "H5414" I|strong = "H5414"
 have|strong = "H5414" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1980"
 you|strong = "H5414", and|strong = "H1980" you|strong = "H5414"
 start|strong = "H1870" to|strong = "H1980" worship|strong = "H7812"
 other|strong = "H0312" gods|strong = "H1980", ²⁰ I|strong = "H5414"
 will|strong = "H5971" cause|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H8034" expelled|strong = "H3423"
 from|strong = "H6440" this|strong = "H2088" land|strong = "H6440"
 that|strong = "H5971" I|strong = "H5414" have|strong = "H5971"
 given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H5414",
 and|strong = "H1004" I|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H5971"
 abandon|strong = "H5414" this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004"
 that|strong = "H5971" I|strong = "H5414" have|strong = "H5971"
 set|strong = "H5414" apart|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "H5921"
 be|strong = "H8034" the|strong = "H3605" place|strong = "H5414"
 where|strong = "H1004" people|strong = "H5971" should|strong = "H3068"
 worship|strong = "H7812" me|strong = "H5414". I|strong = "H5414"
 will|strong = "H5971" cause|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H8034" despised|strong = "H0959"
 and|strong = "H1004" ridiculed by|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H1004" all|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H5971". ²¹
 Although|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004"
 is|strong = "H3068" now|strong = "H1961" greatly|strong = "H3966"
 respected|strong = "H7230", when|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H3605"
 happens|strong = "H1961", all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H3605" pass|strong = "H5674"
 by|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961"
 appalled|strong = "H8074", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068"

will|strong = "H3068" say|strong = "H0559", 'Why|strong = "H4100"
 has|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213"
 terrible|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H3605" like|strong = "H1961"
 this|strong = "H2088" to|strong = "H3068" this|strong = "H2088"
 country|strong = "H2022" and|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
 this|strong = "H2088" temple|strong = "H1004"?’ ²² And|strong = "H3068"
 others|strong = "H0312" will|strong = "H3068" reply|strong = "H7725",
 ‘It|strong = "H5921" happened|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H5921"
 they|strong = "H3651" rejected|strong = "H5800" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3318"
 whom|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 belonged|strong = "H3318", the|strong = "H3605" one|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" brought|strong = "H3318" their|strong = "H3605"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H3068"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3651"
 have|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H5647" worshiping|strong = "H7812"
 other|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430" and|strong = "H3068"
 trying|strong = "H1156" to|strong = "H3318" please|strong = "H7451"
 them|strong = "H5921". And|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3605"
 is|strong = "H3068" why|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5647" them|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H3318" experience|strong = "H7200" all|strong = "H3605"
 these|strong = "H2063" disasters|strong = "H7451".’ ”

Other things that Solomon did

8Solomon’s|strong = "H8010" w workers|strong = "H1129" w*
 worked|strong = "H2388" for|strong = "H3068" 20 years|strong = "H8141"
 to|strong = "H3068" build|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 king’s|strong = "H4428" palace|strong = "H1004". ² Then|strong = "H5414"
 his|strong = "H5414" w workers|strong = "H1129" w*
 rebuilt|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H5414" cities|strong = "H5892"
 that|strong = "H3478" w King|strong = "H4428" w* Hiram|strong = "H2438"
 had|strong = "H3478" given|strong = "H5414" back|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H3478" Solomon|strong = "H8010", and|strong = "H1121"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" sent|strong = "H5414" Israelis
 to|strong = "H3478" live|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 those|strong = "H1121" cities|strong = "H5892". ³
 Solomon’s|strong = "H8010" w army|strong = "H2428" w*
 then|strong = "H8010" went|strong = "H3212" to|strong = "H3212"
 Hamath-Zobah|strong = "H2578" w town|strong = "H7151" w*
 and|strong = "H3212" captured|strong = "H2388" it|strong = "H5921". ⁴
 His|strong = "H3605" workers|strong = "H1129" also|strong = "H1571"
 rebuilt|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5439"
 Tadmor|strong = "H8412" w town|strong = "H5892" w* in|strong = "H5892"

the|strong = "H3605" desert|strong = "H4057", and|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" w the|strong = "H3605" w* Hamath|strong = "H2574" w region|strong = "H2256" w* in|strong = "H5892" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892" where|strong = "H1129" they|strong = "H3605" kept|strong = "H8104" supplies|strong = "H4399". ⁵ They|strong = "H5892" rebuilt|strong = "H1129" Upper|strong = "H5945" Beth-Horon|strong = "H1032" w town|strong = "H5892" w* and|strong = "H5892" Lower|strong = "H8481" Beth-Horon|strong = "H1032" w city|strong = "H5892" w*, and|strong = "H5892" built|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H1129" with|strong = "H5892" gates|strong = "H1817" w in|strong = "H5892" w* w the|strong = "H1129" w* w walls|strong = "H2346" w* and|strong = "H5892" bars|strong = "H1280" w to|strong = "H5892" w* w fasten|strong = "H5414" w* w the|strong = "H1129" w* w gates|strong = "H1817" w*. ⁶ They|strong = "H3605" also|strong = "H8010" rebuilt|strong = "H1129" Baalath|strong = "H1191" w town|strong = "H5892" w* and|strong = "H5892" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" where|strong = "H1129" supplies|strong = "H4399" were|strong = "H1961" kept|strong = "H1961" and|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" where|strong = "H1129" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" chariots|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H5892" horses|strong = "H6571" were|strong = "H1961" kept|strong = "H1961". Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w workers|strong = "H1129" w* built|strong = "H1129" whatever|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3605" wanted|strong = "H2836" them|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1961" build|strong = "H1129", in|strong = "H5892" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" Lebanon|strong = "H3844", and|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" other|strong = "H3605" places|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605" area|strong = "H1508" that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3605" ruled|strong = "H4474".

⁷Solomon|strong = "H8010" forced|strong = "H4522" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H4480" many|strong = "H3808" other|strong = "H3605" groups|strong = "H7218" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808" Israelis to|strong = "H3478" work|strong = "H4399" for|strong = "H3478" him|strong = "H3605" like|strong = "H3478" slaves|strong = "H5650". They|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H3478" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" Heth|strong = "H2845", Amor, Periz, Hiv, and|strong = "H3478" Jebus|strong = "H2982" people-groups. ⁸ They|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3478" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" groups|strong = "H1121" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H4480" Israelis had|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808" completely|strong = "H3615" destroyed|strong = "H3615".

Solomon forced them to become his slaves, and they are still slaves. ⁹ But Solomon did not work for him. Israelis became soldiers and commanders of his chariots and his chariot-drivers. ¹⁰ They were also King Solomon's chief officials. There were 250 of them, and they supervised the workers.

11 Solomon moved his wife, who was of the daughter of Egypt, from w^{*} the w^{*} place outside w^{*} Jerusalem w^{*} called 'The City' of David' to the place that his workers had built for her. He said, "I do not want my wife to live in the palace that w^{*} my w^{*} father King David's workers built, because the Sacred Chest was w^{*} in w^{*} that w^{*} palace w^{*} for w^{*} a w^{*} while w^{*}, and any place where the Sacred Chest has been is holy."

12 On|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" altar|strong = "H4196"
 that|strong = "H3068" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w
 workers|strong = "H1129" w* had|strong = "H3068" built|strong = "H1129"
 in|strong = "H5921" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6440" entrance|strong = "H6607" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*,
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" sacrificed|strong = "H5927"
 many|strong = "H7227" offerings|strong = "H5930" that|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 completely|strong = "H3617" burned|strong = "H8313". ¹³
 He|strong = "H3117" did|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117"
 to|strong = "H5927" obey|strong = "H8085" the|strong = "H3117"
 rules|strong = "H4910" about|strong = "H1697" what|strong = "H1697"
 sacrifices|strong = "H2282" Moses|strong = "H4872" had|strong = "H4872"
 declared|strong = "H5046" should|strong = "H8141" be|strong = "H1697"
 made|strong = "H8141". These|strong = "H3117" included|strong = "H5927"
 sacrifices|strong = "H2282" for|strong = "H3117" every|strong = "H3117"
 day|strong = "H3117" and|strong = "H4872" for|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3117" Sabbath|strong = "H7676" days|strong = "H3117"
 and|strong = "H4872" to|strong = "H5927" celebrate|strong = "H2282"
 each|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117"
 which|strong = "H1697" there|strong = "H5927" was|strong = "H1697"
 a|strong = "H5927" new|strong = "H2320" moon|strong = "H2320"
 and|strong = "H4872" for|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3117"
 three|strong = "H7969" other|strong = "H6471" festivals|strong = "H4150"
 that|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3117" celebrated|strong = "H6213"
 each|strong = "H3117" year|strong = "H8141". Those|strong = "H1992"
 festivals|strong = "H4150" were|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3117"
 Festival|strong = "H2282" of|strong = "H3117" Eating|strong = "H0398"
 Unleavened|strong = "H4682" Bread|strong = "H4682", the|strong = "H3117"
 Harvest|strong = "H7105" Festival|strong = "H2282", and|strong = "H4872"
 the|strong = "H3117" Festival|strong = "H2282" of|strong = "H3117"
 Living|strong = "H2416" in|strong = "H8141" Temporary|strong = "H5521"
 Shelters|strong = "H5521". ¹⁴ Obeying|strong = "H8085"
 what|strong = "H1697" his|strong = "H1732" father|strong = "H0001"
 David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H1732"
 commanded|strong = "H4687", he|strong = "H3588"
 appointed|strong = "H5975" the|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H3117" priests|strong = "H3548" for|strong = "H3588"
 their|strong = "H5921" work|strong = "H5656", and|strong = "H3117"
 he|strong = "H3588" appointed|strong = "H5975" the|strong = "H5921"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3117" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 to|strong = "H5921" lead|strong = "H5148" the|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" while|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3588"
 sang|strong = "H1984" to|strong = "H5921" praise|strong = "H1984"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3117" while|strong = "H3117"

they|strong = "H3588" assisted|strong = "H5826" the|strong = "H5921"
 priests|strong = "H3548" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921"
 daily|strong = "H3117" work|strong = "H5656". He|strong = "H3588"
 also|strong = "H1732" appointed|strong = "H5975" groups|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H3117" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921"
 guard|strong = "H4931" all|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921"
 gates|strong = "H8179", because|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588"
 was|strong = "H1732" also|strong = "H1732" what|strong = "H1697"
 David|strong = "H1732", the|strong = "H5921" man|strong = "H8179"
 who|strong = "H3548" pleased|strong = "H3190" God|strong = "H0430" w
 very|strong = "H3651" w* w well|strong = "H3651" w*, had|strong = "H1732"
 commanded|strong = "H4687". ¹⁵ The|strong = "H3605"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H4428" other|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 obeyed|strong = "H8085" completely|strong = "H3605"
 everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" commanded|strong = "H4687",
 including|strong = "H3605" w taking|strong = "H3947" w* w
 care|strong = "H1697" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* the|strong = "H3605"
 storerooms.

16They|strong = "H3117" did|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4399" w of|strong = "H1004" w* w
 building|strong = "H1129" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 temple|strong = "H1004" w* that|strong = "H3605"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" told|strong = "H8010" them|strong = "H3615"
 to|strong = "H5704" do|strong = "H3068", until|strong = "H5704"
 it|strong = "H3559" was|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605"
 completed|strong = "H3615". So|strong = "H5704" they|strong = "H3117"
 finishing|strong = "H3635" building|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004".

17Then|strong = "H1980" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H5921"
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" men|strong = "H1980" went|strong = "H1980"
 to|strong = "H1980" Ezion-Geber|strong = "H6100" and|strong = "H1980"
 Elath|strong = "H0359" w cities|strong = "H5892" w* on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" coast|strong = "H1366" of|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" Red|strong = "H5488" Sea|strong = "H3220",
 an|strong = "H5921" area|strong = "H1508" that|strong = "H8010"
 belonged|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H5921"
 Edom|strong = "H0112" people-group. ¹⁸ King|strong = "H4428"
 Hiram|strong = "H2438" sent|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H7971"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" from|strong = "H3027" w
 Tyre|strong = "H6865" w* w city|strong = "H5892" w* some|strong = "H8033"
 ships|strong = "H0591" that|strong = "H3045" were|strong = "H3027"

commanded by his officers. They were men who experienced these in the Solomon's region to which he brought back gold delivered to Solomon.

The queen of Sheba visited Solomon

The queen who ruled the area of Arabia heard Solomon had become famous, so she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him questions that were difficult to answer. She came with a large group of servants, and she brought camels loaded with spices, and valuable gems, and a lot of gold. When she met Solomon, she asked him questions about all the things which she was interested in. ² Solomon answered all her questions. He explained everything that she asked about, even things that were

very|strong = "H3966" difficult|strong = "H6381".

3The|strong = "H7200" queen|strong = "H4436" realized|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H7200" Solomon|strong = "H8010" was|strong = "H1004" very|strong = "H3966" wise|strong = "H2451". She|strong = "H1931" saw|strong = "H7200" his|strong = "H7200" palace|strong = "H1004",⁴ she|strong = "H3808" saw|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H3068" food|strong = "H3978" that|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" served|strong = "H8334" on|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" table|strong = "H7979" w every|strong = "H3068" w* w day|strong = "H3117" w*; she|strong = "H3808" saw|strong = "H7200" how|strong = "H4100" his|strong = "H3068" officials|strong = "H5650" were|strong = "H1961" seated|strong = "H3427" at|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" table|strong = "H7979", their|strong = "H3068" uniforms, the|strong = "H3068" servants|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H3068" served|strong = "H8334" the|strong = "H3068" food|strong = "H3978" and|strong = "H3068" wine|strong = "H3196", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" sacrifices|strong = "H5930" that|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961" completely|strong = "H3617" burned|strong = "H8313" on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" altar|strong = "H4196". She|strong = "H3808" was|strong = "H3068" extremely|strong = "H3966" amazed|strong = "H8539".

5She|strong = "H5921" said|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428", "Everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H5921" heard|strong = "H8085" in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H8085" own|strong = "H1961" country|strong = "H2022" about|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H4428" about|strong = "H5921" how|strong = "H8085" wise|strong = "H2451" you|strong = "H5921" are|strong = "H1697" is|strong = "H1697" true|strong = "H0571"!⁶ But|strong = "H3808" I|strong = "H5704" did|strong = "H3254" not|strong = "H3808" believe|strong = "H0539" it|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H1697" true|strong = "H0571" until|strong = "H5704" I|strong = "H5704" came|strong = "H1697" here|strong = "H2009" and|strong = "H5869" saw|strong = "H7200" it|strong = "H5921" myself|strong = "H0589". You|strong = "H5921" are|strong = "H5869" w extremely|strong = "H5704" w* w wise|strong = "H2451" w* w and|strong = "H5869" w* w rich|strong = "H6223" w*, more|strong = "H3254" than|strong = "H3808" what|strong = "H1697" people|strong = "H3808" told|strong = "H5046" me|strong = "H7200".⁷ The|strong = "H6440" men|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H5650" work|strong = "H4399" for|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H6440" are|strong = "H5650" very|strong = "H3966"

fortunate|strong = "H1409"! Your|strong = "H6440"
officials|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H5650" are|strong = "H5650"
constantly|strong = "H8548" standing|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H8085"
front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H6440"
and|strong = "H5650" listening|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H6440"
the|strong = "H6440" wise|strong = "H2451" things|strong = "H1697"
that|strong = "H8085" you|strong = "H6440" say|strong = "H0559"
are|strong = "H5650" also|strong = "H8085" fortunate|strong = "H1409"! 8
Praise|strong = "H1288" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068"
God|strong = "H3068", who|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
shown|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H6213"
is|strong = "H3068" pleased|strong = "H2654" with|strong = "H3068"
you|strong = "H5414" by|strong = "H5921" appointing you|strong = "H5414"
to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921"
king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478"
for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5414". God|strong = "H3068"
has|strong = "H3068" always|strong = "H5769" loved|strong = "H0157"
the|strong = "H5921" Israeli people|strong = "H5971", and|strong = "H3478"
desires|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H3478" assist|strong = "H6677"
them|strong = "H5414" forever|strong = "H5769", and|strong = "H3478"
therefore|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H6213" has|strong = "H3068"
appointed|strong = "H5975" you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3478"
be|strong = "H1961" their|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428",
in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4941" that|strong = "H3068"
you|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H3068" rule|strong = "H4428"
them|strong = "H5414" fairly|strong = "H4941" and|strong = "H3478"
righteously|strong = "H6666".

9Then|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5414" queen|strong = "H4436"
gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1961" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
about|strong = "H1961" 4-1/2 tons of|strong = "H4428"
gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H3967" a|strong = "H1961"
large|strong = "H7230" amount|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H4428"
spices|strong = "H1314" and|strong = "H3967" gems|strong = "H0068".
Never|strong = "H3808" had|strong = "H1961" King|strong = "H4428"
Solomon|strong = "H8010" received|strong = "H1961" more|strong = "H7230"
spices|strong = "H1314" than|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H5414"
queen|strong = "H4436" gave|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414"
at|strong = "H4428" that|strong = "H1931" time|strong = "H1961".

10-12King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"
queen|strong = "H4436" of|strong = "H1121" Sheba|strong = "H7614"
everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" she|strong = "H1931"
wanted|strong = "H2654". He|strong = "H0834" gave|strong = "H5414"

her|strong = "H3605" more|strong = "H3254" than|strong = "H4480"
 she|strong = "H1931" had|strong = "H3068" given|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H5414". Then|strong = "H0227"
 she|strong = "H1931" and|strong = "H3967" those|strong = "H1992"
 who|strong = "H0834" came|strong = "H0935" with|strong = "H5973"
 her|strong = "H3605" returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413"
 her|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H1961" land|strong = "H0776".

w In|strong = "H0935" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 ships|strong = "H0591" w* w that|strong = "H0834" w* w
 belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H0413" w* ing w
 Hiram|strong = "H2438" w*, Hiram's|strong = "H2438"
 workers|strong = "H6466" and|strong = "H3967" Solomon's|strong = "H8010"
 workers|strong = "H6466" brought|strong = "H0935" gold|strong = "H2091"
 from|strong = "H4480" Ophir|strong = "H0211". They|strong = "H1992"
 also|strong = "H1571" brought|strong = "H0935" a|strong = "H1961"
 large|strong = "H1419" amount|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1121"
 juniper|strong = "H7574" wood|strong = "H6086" and|strong = "H3967"
 gems|strong = "H0068". King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010" w
 told|strong = "H5046" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w
 workers|strong = "H6466" w* to|strong = "H0413" use|strong = "H4399"
 that|strong = "H0834" wood|strong = "H6086" to|strong = "H0413"
 make|strong = "H6213" railings in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3967" in|strong = "H0935"
 his|strong = "H3605" palace|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3967"
 also|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H0413" make|strong = "H6213"
 harps|strong = "H3658" and|strong = "H3967" lyres|strong = "H3658"
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" musicians|strong = "H7891".
 That|strong = "H0834" wood|strong = "H6086" was|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" finest|strong = "H2459"
 wood|strong = "H6086" that|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H3068"
 ever|strong = "H5769" been|strong = "H1961" seen|strong = "H7200"
 in|strong = "H0935" Israel|strong = "H3478".
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" wealth|strong = "H2428"

13Each|strong = "H0376" year|strong = "H8141" there|strong = "H1961"
 was|strong = "H1961" brought|strong = "H8010" to|strong = "H1961"
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" a|strong = "H1961" total|strong = "H3605"
 of|strong = "H8141" 25 tons of|strong = "H8141" gold|strong = "H2091". 14
 That|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H4428" in|strong = "H4428"
 addition|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" w
 taxes|strong = "H4061" w* paid|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H4428"
 him|strong = "H3605" by|strong = "H2091" the|strong = "H3605"
 merchants|strong = "H5503" and|strong = "H3701" traders|strong = "H5503".
 Also|strong = "H4428", the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428"

of|strong = "H4428" Arabia|strong = "H6152" and|strong = "H3701"
 the|strong = "H3605" governors|strong = "H6346" of|strong = "H4428" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w districts|strong = "H1366" w* w
 in|strong = "H4428" w* Israel|strong = "H3478" brought|strong = "H8010"
 gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H3701" silver|strong = "H3701"
 to|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010".

15King|strong = "H4428" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w
 workers|strong = "H6213" w* w took|strong = "H5927" w* w
 this|strong = "H6213" w* gold|strong = "H2091" w and|strong = "H3967" w*
 hammered|strong = "H4749" w it|strong = "H5921" w* into|strong = "H5927"
 thin|strong = "H1851" sheets|strong = "H6341" and|strong = "H3967"
 covered|strong = "H3680" 200 large|strong = "H6793"
 shields|strong = "H6793" with|strong = "H6213" those|strong = "H5921"
 thin|strong = "H1851" sheets|strong = "H6341" of|strong = "H4428"
 gold|strong = "H2091"; they|strong = "H5921" put|strong = "H5927"
 almost|strong = "H4592" 7-1/2 pounds|strong = "H1993" of|strong = "H4428"
 gold|strong = "H2091" on|strong = "H5921" each|strong = "H0376"
 shield|strong = "H6793". ¹⁶ His|strong = "H5414" w
 workers|strong = "H6466" w* made|strong = "H5414" 300 w
 smaller|strong = "H4592" w* shields|strong = "H4043".
 They|strong = "H5921" covered|strong = "H3680" each|strong = "H5414"
 of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H5414" with|strong = "H1004"
 almost|strong = "H4592" 4 pounds|strong = "H1993" of|strong = "H4428"
 gold|strong = "H2091". Then|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" put|strong = "H5414" those|strong = "H5921"
 shields|strong = "H4043" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 Hall|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 Forest|strong = "H3293" of|strong = "H4428" Lebanon|strong = "H3844".

17His|strong = "H6213" w workers|strong = "H6213" w*
 also|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213"
 him|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213" large|strong = "H1419"
 throne|strong = "H3678". w Part|strong = "H7992" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* it|strong = "H6213" was|strong = "H4428"
 covered|strong = "H6823" with|strong = "H6213" decorations w
 made|strong = "H6213" w* w from|strong = "H2091" w*
 ivory|strong = "H8127" and|strong = "H4428" w part|strong = "H7992" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* w it|strong = "H6213" w* w was|strong = "H4428" w*
 w covered|strong = "H6823" w* with|strong = "H6213" very|strong = "H1419"
 fine|strong = "H6213" gold|strong = "H2091". ¹⁸ There|strong = "H3427"
 were|strong = "H3027" six|strong = "H8337" steps|strong = "H4609"
 in|strong = "H3427" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H5921" throne|strong = "H3678". There|strong = "H3427"
 was|strong = "H4725" a|strong = "H5975" gold|strong = "H2091"

footstool|strong = "H3534" that|strong = "H2088" was|strong = "H4725"
 attached|strong = "H2266" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 throne|strong = "H3678". At|strong = "H3427" each|strong = "H8147"
 side|strong = "H2088" of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5921"
 throne|strong = "H3678" there|strong = "H3427" was|strong = "H4725"
 an|strong = "H2088" armrest, and|strong = "H3027"
 alongside|strong = "H5921" each|strong = "H8147" armrest
 there|strong = "H3427" was|strong = "H4725" a|strong = "H5975" w
 small|strong = "H6996" w* w statue|strong = "H6755" w* w
 of|strong = "H3027" w* w a|strong = "H5975" w* w lion|strong = "H0738". ¹⁹
 On|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" six|strong = "H8337"
 steps|strong = "H4609" there|strong = "H8033" were|strong = "H8147"
 twelve|strong = "H8147" statues|strong = "H2088" of|strong = "H5921"
 lions|strong = "H3715", one|strong = "H2088" on|strong = "H5921"
 each|strong = "H3605" side|strong = "H2088". No|strong = "H3808"
 throne|strong = "H3678" like|strong = "H3651" that|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H3808" ever|strong = "H2088" existed|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H5921" any|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H2088"
 kingdom|strong = "H4467". ²⁰ All|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428"
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" cups|strong = "H4945" were|strong = "H3117"
 made|strong = "H3627" of|strong = "H4428" gold|strong = "H2091",
 and|strong = "H3701" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 various|strong = "H2921" dishes|strong = "H7086" in|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3605" Hall|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" Forest|strong = "H3293" of|strong = "H4428"
 Lebanon|strong = "H3844" were|strong = "H3117" made|strong = "H3627"
 of|strong = "H4428" gold|strong = "H2091". w They|strong = "H3117" w* w
 did|strong = "H3117" w* w not|strong = "H2803" w* w
 make|strong = "H2803" w* w things|strong = "H3605" w* w
 from|strong = "H3117" w* w silver|strong = "H3701" w*,
 because|strong = "H3117" during|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
 years|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" Solomon|strong = "H8010" w
 ruled|strong = "H4428" w*, silver|strong = "H3701" was|strong = "H3117"
 not|strong = "H2803" considered|strong = "H2803" to|strong = "H3117"
 be|strong = "H3117" valuable|strong = "H3972". ²¹ The|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H3588"
 fleet|strong = "H0590" of|strong = "H4428" ships|strong = "H0591"
 that|strong = "H3588" sailed|strong = "H1980" with|strong = "H5973"
 the|strong = "H3588" ships|strong = "H0591" that|strong = "H3588"
 King|strong = "H4428" Hiram|strong = "H2438" owned|strong = "H3426".
 Every|strong = "H1980" three|strong = "H7969" years|strong = "H8141"
 the|strong = "H3588" ships|strong = "H0591" returned|strong = "H1980" w
 from|strong = "H1980" w* w the|strong = "H3588" w* w
 places|strong = "H1116" w* w to|strong = "H1980" w* w
 which|strong = "H2091" w* w they|strong = "H3588" w* w
 had|strong = "H4428" w* w sailed|strong = "H1980" w*,

bringing|strong = "H5375" gold|strong = "H2091", silver|strong = "H3701",
ivory|strong = "H8143", monkeys, and|strong = "H1980" baboons
(OR|strong = "H3701", peacocks|strong = "H8500").

22King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
became|strong = "H1431" richer|strong = "H6238" and|strong = "H4428"
wiser|strong = "H2451" than|strong = "H4428" any|strong = "H3605"
other|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" on|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" earth|strong = "H0776". ²³ Kings|strong = "H4428"
from|strong = "H6440" all|strong = "H3605" over|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H3605" world|strong = "H8398" wanted|strong = "H1245"
to|strong = "H5414" come|strong = "H0935" and|strong = "H4428"
listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605"
wise|strong = "H2451" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605"
Solomon|strong = "H8010" said|strong = "H8085", things|strong = "H3605"
that|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H5414" had|strong = "H8010"
enabled|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414"
know|strong = "H3045". ²⁴ All|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697"
people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H1992" came|strong = "H1697"
to|strong = "H1697" him|strong = "H1697" brought|strong = "H0935"
presents|strong = "H4503": They|strong = "H1992" brought|strong = "H0935"
things|strong = "H1697" made|strong = "H3627" from|strong = "H2091"
silver|strong = "H3701" or|strong = "H3701" gold|strong = "H2091",
or|strong = "H3701" robes|strong = "H0899", or|strong = "H3701"
weapons|strong = "H3627", or|strong = "H3701" spices|strong = "H1314",
or|strong = "H3701" horses|strong = "H5483", or|strong = "H3701"
mules|strong = "H6505". The|strong = "H1697" people|strong = "H5971"
continued|strong = "H5674" to|strong = "H1697" do|strong = "H1697"
this|strong = "H1697" every|strong = "H1697" year|strong = "H8141".

25Solomon|strong = "H8010" had|strong = "H1961" 4,000
stalls|strong = "H0723" for|strong = "H3389" his|strong = "H1961"
horses|strong = "H5483" and|strong = "H4428" chariots|strong = "H7393",
and|strong = "H4428" 12,000 horses|strong = "H5483".
Solomon|strong = "H8010" put|strong = "H3240" some|strong = "H4480"
of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H8147" in|strong = "H4428"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H4428" some|strong = "H4480"
of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H8147" in|strong = "H4428"
other|strong = "H8147" cities|strong = "H5892" where|strong = "H0834"
he|strong = "H8147" kept|strong = "H1961" his|strong = "H1961"
chariots|strong = "H7393". ²⁶ Solomon|strong = "H8010"
ruled|strong = "H4910" over|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428" in|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H3605" area|strong = "H1366" from|strong = "H4480"
the|strong = "H3605" w Euphrates|strong = "H5104" w*

River|strong = "H5104" w in|strong = "H4428" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* northeast to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"
 Philistia|strong = "H6429" area|strong = "H1366" w in|strong = "H4428" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w west|strong = "H3220" w* to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605" border|strong = "H1366" of|strong = "H4428"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" w in|strong = "H4428" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w south|strong = "H5045" w*. ²⁷ w During|strong = "H3117" w* w the|strong = "H5414" w* w years|strong = "H8141" w* w that|strong = "H5414" w* w Solomon|strong = "H8010" w* w was|strong = "H4428" w* king|strong = "H4428", w he|strong = "H5414" w* caused|strong = "H5414" silver|strong = "H3701" to|strong = "H5414" become|strong = "H1961" as|strong = "H7230" common|strong = "H7230" in|strong = "H4428" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" as|strong = "H7230" stones|strong = "H0068"; and|strong = "H3701" he|strong = "H5414" caused|strong = "H5414" cedar|strong = "H0730" trees|strong = "H8256" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414" foothills|strong = "H8219" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H5414" become|strong = "H1961" as|strong = "H7230" plentiful|strong = "H7230" as|strong = "H7230" fig|strong = "H8384" trees|strong = "H8256". ²⁸
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" agents brought|strong = "H3318" horses|strong = "H5483" from|strong = "H3318" w the|strong = "H3605" w* Musri w area|strong = "H1508" w* and|strong = "H4714" other|strong = "H3605" places|strong = "H3605".
 Solomon's|strong = "H8010" death|strong = "H4194"

²⁹Lists of|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H7605" things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697" Solomon|strong = "H8010" did|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H1992" recorded|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" scrolls written|strong = "H3789" by|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030" Nathan|strong = "H5416" and|strong = "H1121" by|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030" Ahijah|strong = "H0281" from|strong = "H5921" Shiloh|strong = "H7887" w city|strong = "H5892" w*, and|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H5921" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w scroll|strong = "H5612" w* w in|strong = "H5921" w* w which|strong = "H1992" w* w were|strong = "H1121" w* w written|strong = "H3789" w* the|strong = "H5921" visions|strong = "H2378" that|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030" Iddo|strong = "H3260" saw|strong = "H7200" concerning|strong = "H5921" w King|strong = "H5921" w* Jeroboam|strong = "H3379". ³⁰
 Solomon|strong = "H8010" ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8141" Israel|strong = "H3478" for|strong = "H5921" 40 years|strong = "H8141". ³¹
 Then|strong = "H1732" Solomon|strong = "H8010" died|strong = "H4191"

and|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H1732" buried|strong = "H6912"
 in|strong = "H6912" w the|strong = "H8478" w* w part|strong = "H7992" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w
 called|strong = "H7121" w* 'The|strong = "H8478" City|strong = "H5892"
 of|strong = "H1121" David'. And|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H1732"
 son|strong = "H1121" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" became|strong = "H4427"
 the|strong = "H8478" king|strong = "H4427".

The people of Israel rebelled against Rehoboam

10All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H3605" Israel|strong = "H3478" went|strong = "H3212"
 to|strong = "H3478" Shechem|strong = "H7927" w city|strong = "H5892" w*
 in|strong = "H3478" order|strong = "H4616" to|strong = "H3478"
 appoint|strong = "H4427" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" to|strong = "H3478"
 be|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4427".
 So|strong = "H3588" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" also|strong = "H3478"
 went|strong = "H3212" there|strong = "H3605". ²
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379", the|strong = "H6440" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Nebat|strong = "H5028", had|strong = "H1961"
 fled|strong = "H1272" to|strong = "H7725" Egypt|strong = "H4714" w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w escape|strong = "H1272" w* from|strong = "H7725"
 King|strong = "H4428" Solomon|strong = "H8010". But|strong = "H1961"
 when|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H1931" heard|strong = "H8085" w
 about|strong = "H1961" w* w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
 people|strong = "H1121" w* w wanting|strong = "H6485" w* w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w appoint|strong = "H6485" w* w
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 be|strong = "H1961" w* w their|strong = "H6440" w* w
 king|strong = "H4428" w*, he|strong = "H1931" returned|strong = "H7725" w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w* from|strong = "H7725"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" ³ So|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H3605" w
 leaders|strong = "H7218" w* w of|strong = "H3605" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w northern|strong = "H6828" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* summoned|strong = "H7121"
 him|strong = "H7121", and|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H3605"
 went|strong = "H3478" with|strong = "H1696" them|strong = "H7971" w
 to|strong = "H1696" w* w talk|strong = "H1696" w* to|strong = "H1696"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346". They|strong = "H3605" said|strong = "H1696"
 to|strong = "H1696" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346", ⁴ "Your|strong = "H5414"
 father|strong = "H0001" w Solomon|strong = "H8010" w*
 forced|strong = "H4522" us|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921"
 work|strong = "H5656" very|strong = "H6258" hard|strong = "H7186"
 for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5414". If|strong = "H7043"
 you|strong = "H5414" do|strong = "H5647" not|strong = "H5414"
 force|strong = "H2394" us|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921"

work|strong = "H5656" that|strong = "H5414" hard|strong = "H7186",
 and|strong = "H5647" if|strong = "H7043" you|strong = "H5414"
 charge|strong = "H5921" us|strong = "H5414" less|strong = "H0637"
 taxes|strong = "H4061" than|strong = "H5921" we|strong = "H6258"
 were|strong = "H5414" paying|strong = "H1576" to|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5414", we|strong = "H6258" will|strong = "H5414"
 serve|strong = "H5647" you|strong = "H5414" w
 faithfully|strong = "H0571" w*."

5He|strong = "H3117" replied|strong = "H0559", "Come|strong = "H3212"
 back|strong = "H7725" three|strong = "H7969" days|strong = "H3117"
 from|strong = "H7725" now|strong = "H3117" w and|strong = "H7725" w* w
 I|strong = "H3117" w* w will|strong = "H5971" w* w give|strong = "H7725" w* w
 w you|strong = "H3117" w* w my|strong = "H7725" w* w
 answer|strong = "H7725" w*." So|strong = "H7725" those|strong = "H1992"
 leaders|strong = "H7218" w and|strong = "H7725" w* w
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" w* left|strong = "H7725".

6Then|strong = "H1961" King|strong = "H4428"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" consulted|strong = "H3289"
 his|strong = "H7725" older|strong = "H2205" men|strong = "H2205"
 who|strong = "H5971" had|strong = "H1961" advised|strong = "H3289"
 his|strong = "H7725" father|strong = "H0001" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
 while|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H8010" was|strong = "H1961"
 still|strong = "H5975" alive|strong = "H2416". He|strong = "H8010"
 asked|strong = "H1697" them|strong = "H7725", "What|strong = "H1697"
 shall|strong = "H5971" I|strong = "H1697" say|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H7725" answer|strong = "H7725" these|strong = "H2088"
 men|strong = "H2205"?"

7They|strong = "H3117" replied|strong = "H1696", "If|strong = "H1961"
 you|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961"
 kind|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H1696" these|strong = "H2088"
 people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H3117" do|strong = "H1697"
 things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H5971" will|strong = "H1961"
 please|strong = "H7521" them|strong = "H1961", and|strong = "H3117"
 if|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H3605" say|strong = "H1696"
 kind|strong = "H2896" things|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H1696"
 them|strong = "H1961" when|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H3605"
 answer|strong = "H1697" them|strong = "H1961", they|strong = "H3117"
 will|strong = "H1961" always|strong = "H3605" serve|strong = "H1961"
 you|strong = "H3605"."

8But|strong = "H5800" he|strong = "H6440" ignored|strong = "H6313"
 what|strong = "H4100" the|strong = "H6440" older|strong = "H2205"

men|strong = "H2205" advised|strong = "H3289" him|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H6440" do|strong = "H6213". Instead|strong = "H8478",
 he|strong = "H6440" consulted|strong = "H3289" the|strong = "H6440"
 younger|strong = "H6810" men|strong = "H2205" who|strong = "H5975"
 had|strong = "H3068" grown|strong = "H1431" up|strong = "H5975"
 with|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440", who|strong = "H5975"
 were|strong = "H2205" now|strong = "H6258" his|strong = "H6440" advisors.
⁹ He|strong = "H5414" said|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 them|strong = "H5414", "How|strong = "H4100" should|strong = "H4100"
 I|strong = "H5414" answer|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H5921"
 men|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971" are|strong = "H5971"
 asking|strong = "H7592" me|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1696"
 reduce|strong = "H1639" the|strong = "H5921" w work|strong = "H1697" w*
 w and|strong = "H7725" w* w taxes|strong = "H4061" w*
 that|strong = "H5971" my|strong = "H5414" father|strong = "H0001"
 required|strong = "H1697" from|strong = "H4480" them|strong = "H5414"?"

10The|strong = "H5921" young|strong = "H3206" men|strong = "H3206"
 who|strong = "H5971" had|strong = "H5971" grown|strong = "H1431"
 up|strong = "H1431" with|strong = "H1696" him|strong = "H5921"
 replied|strong = "H1696", "w Those|strong = "H5921" w* w
 men|strong = "H3206" w* have|strong = "H5971" said|strong = "H1696"
 that|strong = "H5971" your|strong = "H5921" father|strong = "H0001"
 forced|strong = "H4522" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1696"
 work|strong = "H4399" very|strong = "H3966" hard|strong = "H1696"
 for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921", so|strong = "H3541"
 they|strong = "H5921" want|strong = "H4270" you|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H1696" reduce|strong = "H1639" the|strong = "H5921" w
 work|strong = "H4399" w* w and|strong = "H5971" w* w
 taxes|strong = "H4061" w* that|strong = "H5971" your|strong = "H5921"
 father|strong = "H0001" required|strong = "H7592" from|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5921". But|strong = "H1696" this|strong = "H3541"
 is|strong = "H3206" what|strong = "H3541" you|strong = "H5921"
 should|strong = "H3068" tell|strong = "H1696" them|strong = "H5921":
 'My|strong = "H5921" little|strong = "H6995" finger|strong = "H6995"
 is|strong = "H3206" thicker|strong = "H5666" than|strong = "H5921"
 my|strong = "H5921" father's|strong = "H0001" waist|strong = "H4975". ¹¹
 What|strong = "H5921" I|strong = "H5921" mean|strong = "H2823"
 is|strong = "H0369" that|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921"
 father|strong = "H0001" required|strong = "H7592" you|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H5921" w work|strong = "H4399" w* w hard|strong = "H3515" w*
 w and|strong = "H3254" w* w pay|strong = "H7999" w* w
 high|strong = "H1116" w* w taxes|strong = "H4061" w*. But|strong = "H6258"
 I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3254" make|strong = "H3254"
 those|strong = "H5921" loads|strong = "H4853" heavier|strong = "H3515". w

It|strong = "H5921" w* w was|strong = "H3068" w* w as|strong = "H3254" w* w
 though|strong = "H3588" w* my|strong = "H5921" father|strong = "H0001"
 whipped you|strong = "H5921", but|strong = "H6258" I|strong = "H5921"
 will|strong = "H3254" whip|strong = "H7752" you|strong = "H5921"
 with|strong = "H5921" whips|strong = "H7752" that|strong = "H5921"
 have|strong = "H6258" pieces|strong = "H5409" of|strong = "H5921"
 metal|strong = "H2830" in|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921"."

12Three|strong = "H7992" days|strong = "H3117" later|strong = "H7992",
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" and|strong = "H7725" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H7218" came|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H1696" King|strong = "H4428" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 again|strong = "H7725", which|strong = "H5971" is|strong = "H3117"
 what|strong = "H1696" he|strong = "H3117" had|strong = "H4428"
 told|strong = "H1696" them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H1696"
 do|strong = "H3605". ¹³ The|strong = "H5800" king|strong = "H4428"
 ignored|strong = "H6313" the|strong = "H5800" advice|strong = "H6098"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5800" older|strong = "H2205"
 men|strong = "H2205" and|strong = "H6030" spoke|strong = "H6030"
 harshly|strong = "H7186" to|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5800" Israeli
 leaders|strong = "H2205". ¹⁴ w He|strong = "H5921" w* w
 told|strong = "H1696" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w* w
 what|strong = "H1696" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 younger|strong = "H6810" w* w men|strong = "H3206" w* w
 had|strong = "H3068" w* w advised|strong = "H1696" w* w.
 He|strong = "H5921" said|strong = "H1696", "My|strong = "H5921"
 father|strong = "H0001" put|strong = "H3254" heavy|strong = "H3513"
 burdens|strong = "H3513" w of|strong = "H5921" w* w
 work|strong = "H4399" w* w and|strong = "H6098" w* w
 taxes|strong = "H4061" w* w on|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H5921",
 but|strong = "H1696" I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3206"
 put|strong = "H3254" heavier|strong = "H3513" burdens|strong = "H3513"
 on|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H5921". w It|strong = "H5921" w* w
 was|strong = "H3206" w* w as|strong = "H3254" w* w
 though|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H5921" beat|strong = "H5221"
 you|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H1696" whips|strong = "H7752",
 but|strong = "H1696" I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3206"
 beat|strong = "H5221" you|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H1696"
 whips|strong = "H7752" that|strong = "H3206" have|strong = "H1696"
 pieces|strong = "H5409" of|strong = "H5921" metal|strong = "H2830"
 in|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921"!" ¹⁵ So|strong = "H4616"
 the|strong = "H8085" king|strong = "H4428" did|strong = "H5971"
 not|strong = "H3808" pay|strong = "H8085" any|strong = "H1961"
 attention|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H8085" Israeli
 leaders|strong = "H7218". But|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H1696"

happened|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H3068" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3588" what|strong = "H1697" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 had|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H8085"
 prophet|strong = "H1696" Ahijah|strong = "H0281" about|strong = "H1961"
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" would|strong = "H3068"
 happen|strong = "H1961".

16When|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" Israeli
 leaders|strong = "H7218" realized|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" did|strong = "H4100"
 not|strong = "H3808" pay|strong = "H7725" any|strong = "H3605"
 attention|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H7725" what|strong = "H4100"
 they|strong = "H1992" said|strong = "H8085", they|strong = "H1992"
 shouted|strong = "H7321",

“ We|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H4100" not|strong = "H3808"
 want|strong = "H3808" anything|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H7725"
 do|strong = "H4100" with|strong = "H1004" this|strong = "H7200"
 descendant|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428"
 David|strong = "H1732"!

W e|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H4428" not|strong = "H3808"
 pay|strong = "H7725" attention|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H7725"
 what|strong = "H4100" this|strong = "H7200" grandson|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Jesse|strong = "H3448" says|strong = "H0559"!

Y ou|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1121"
 Israel|strong = "H3478", let's|strong = "H1980" go|strong = "H3212"
 home|strong = "H1004"!

A s|strong = "H3588" for|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H7200"
 descendant|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" David|strong = "H1732",
 he|strong = "H3588" can|strong = "H4100" rule|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H5971" kingdom|strong = "H4428"!"
 So|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605" Israeli leaders|strong = "H7218"
 returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" their|strong = "H3605"
 homes|strong = "H1004".

17And|strong = "H1121" w after|strong = "H5921" w* w
 that|strong = "H3478" w*, w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 only|strong = "H0389" w* Israeli people|strong = "H1121"
 whom|strong = "H0834" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" ruled|strong = "H4427"
 over|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H3478" those|strong = "H5921"
 who|strong = "H1121" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"

the|strong = "H5921" territory|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H1121" w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" w and|strong = "H1121" w*
 w Benjamin|strong = "H1144" w*.

18Then|strong = "H7971" King|strong = "H4428"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" went|strong = "H5927" with|strong = "H5921"
 Adoniram|strong = "H0141" w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 talk|strong = "H1696" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* Israeli w people|strong = "H1121" w*.
 Adoniram|strong = "H0141" was|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H5921"
 man|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H1121" supervised|strong = "H5921" w
 all|strong = "H5921" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 men|strong = "H1121" w* w who|strong = "H1121" w* w
 were|strong = "H3478" w* forced|strong = "H4522" to|strong = "H3478"
 work|strong = "H4399" w for|strong = "H5921" w* w
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" w*. But|strong = "H4191" the|strong = "H5921"
 Israeli people|strong = "H1121" killed|strong = "H4191"
 him|strong = "H5921" by|strong = "H5921" throwing|strong = "H3027"
 stones|strong = "H0068" at|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921".
 When|strong = "H7971" that|strong = "H3478" happened|strong = "H1961",
 King|strong = "H4428" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 quickly|strong = "H4116" got|strong = "H5927" in|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H7971" chariot|strong = "H4818" and|strong = "H1121"
 escaped|strong = "H5127" to|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
¹⁹ Ever|strong = "H3117" since|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117"
 time|strong = "H3117", w the|strong = "H3117" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H1004" w* w
 the|strong = "H3117" w* w northern|strong = "H6828" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w of|strong = "H1004" w* Israel|strong = "H3478"
 have|strong = "H3478" been|strong = "H6586" rebelling|strong = "H4775"
 against|strong = "H6586" the|strong = "H3117" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H1004" w King|strong = "H4428" w* David|strong = "H1732".

11When|strong = "H7725" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 arrived|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",
 he|strong = "H6213" gathered|strong = "H6950" 180,000 of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H6213" best|strong = "H2459" soldiers|strong = "H4421"
 from|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H6213" tribes|strong = "H7626"
 of|strong = "H1004" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3967"
 Benjamin|strong = "H1144". He|strong = "H6213" wanted|strong = "H2654"
 them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" fight|strong = "H3898"
 against|strong = "H5973" w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 northern|strong = "H6828" w* w tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* Israel|strong = "H3478" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w

defeat|strong = "H5221" w* w them|strong = "H7725" w*, in|strong = "H3478"
 order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H6213"
 could|strong = "H3201" rule|strong = "H4467" w all|strong = "H6213" w* w
 the|strong = "H6213" w* w tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* the|strong = "H6213" kingdom|strong = "H4467"
 again|strong = "H7725".

2But|strong = "H1961" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" spoke|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" and|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1697"
 this|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H1697": ³
 "Go|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H1121" tell|strong = "H3605"
 this|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" w Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w*
 w son|strong = "H1121" w* Rehoboam|strong = "H7346",
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3478"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H7626"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121"
 Benjamin|strong = "H1144": ⁴ 'Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 says|strong = "H3541" that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 must|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" go|strong = "H3212"
 to|strong = "H7725" fight|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H5973" w
 the|strong = "H8085" w* w people|strong = "H3808" w* w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w*; w
 they|strong = "H3588" w* w are|strong = "H1697" w* your|strong = "H3068"
 distant|strong = "H7350" relatives|strong = "H0251". All|strong = "H3212"
 of|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H3808"
 go|strong = "H3212" home|strong = "H1004". What|strong = "H1697"
 has|strong = "H3068" happened|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H1697" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" wanted|strong = "H2654"
 to|strong = "H7725" happen|strong = "H1961"." w So|strong = "H3541" w* w
 Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" w* w went|strong = "H3212" w* w
 and|strong = "H3068" w* w told|strong = "H1697" w* w
 that|strong = "H3588" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 them|strong = "H7725" w*, and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3588"
 all|strong = "H3212" heeded|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H1697"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 do|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3588"
 did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" attack|strong = "H5927"
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w
 his|strong = "H3068" w* w soldiers|strong = "H5927" w*.
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" fortified|strong = "H1219"
 cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063"

5Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and his workers built walls around the cities and towns in Judah to protect them against attacks. ⁶ In the area that belonged to Benjamin of Judah and Benjamin walls around Bethlehem, Tekoa, ⁷ Beth-Zur, Soco, Gath, Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, ¹⁰ Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron. ¹¹ He also appointed an army commander in those towns and gave them supplies of food and wine to keep storage shields and spears in cities and made them well-protected. So he continued to rule of Judah and Benjamin.

¹³The priests and other descendants of Levi throughout Israel supported Rehoboam. ¹⁴

The|strong = "H3588" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" w who|strong = "H3068" w* w
 lived|strong = "H3427" w* w outside|strong = "H2351" w* w
 the|strong = "H3588" w* w territory|strong = "H1366" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w
 and|strong = "H1121" w* w Benjamin|strong = "H1144" w* w
 abandoned|strong = "H5800" their|strong = "H3068"
 property|strong = "H0272" and|strong = "H1121" their|strong = "H3068"
 pastureland, and|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H3588"
 came|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 and|strong = "H1121" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w other|strong = "H0312" w*
 w places|strong = "H1116" w* w in|strong = "H3068" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063", because|strong = "H3588"
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3068"
 sons|strong = "H1121" would|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3588"
 allow|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3068"
 do|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" work|strong = "H4399"
 of|strong = "H1121" priests|strong = "H3547" of|strong = "H1121"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ¹⁵ Instead|strong = "H8478",
 Jeroboam|strong = "H5975" appointed|strong = "H5975"
 the|strong = "H6213" priests|strong = "H3548" that|strong = "H3548"
 he|strong = "H6213" wanted|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H6213"
 work|strong = "H6213" w at|strong = "H5975" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w*
 w altars|strong = "H4196" w* w he|strong = "H6213" w* w
 commanded|strong = "H6680" w* w to|strong = "H6213" w* w
 be|strong = "H3548" w* w built|strong = "H6213" w* w on|strong = "H5975"
 the|strong = "H6213" hilltops, w to|strong = "H6213" w* w
 offer|strong = "H6213" w* w sacrifices|strong = "H2077" w* w
 to|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H6213" idols|strong = "H1544"
 that|strong = "H3548" he|strong = "H6213" commanded|strong = "H6680"
 to|strong = "H6213" be|strong = "H3548" made|strong = "H6213" w
 that|strong = "H3548" w* w resembled|strong = "H1823" w*
 goats|strong = "H8163" and|strong = "H3548" calves|strong = "H5695". ¹⁶
 And|strong = "H3478" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H3478"
 every|strong = "H3605" tribe|strong = "H7626" in|strong = "H3478"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" who|strong = "H3605" wanted|strong = "H1245"
 to|strong = "H3478" worship|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478"
 whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" Israelis
 belonged|strong = "H1961", went|strong = "H3478" with|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3068"
 Levi|strong = "H3878" to|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 to|strong = "H3478" live|strong = "H3427" there|strong = "H3605"
 and|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" offer|strong = "H2076"
 sacrifices|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834"

their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. ¹⁷ They|strong = "H3588"
 caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3588" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H1980"
 be|strong = "H1121" strong|strong = "H2388", and|strong = "H1121"
 for|strong = "H3588" three|strong = "H7969" years|strong = "H8141"
 they|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H1121" happy|strong = "H0835"
 that|strong = "H3588" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" son|strong = "H1121"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" was|strong = "H1732" the|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428". During|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3588"
 time|strong = "H8141" they|strong = "H3588" conducted|strong = "H1240"
 their|strong = "H3588" lives|strong = "H5315" w
 righteously|strong = "H6664" w* as|strong = "H3588" David|strong = "H1732"
 and|strong = "H1121" Solomon|strong = "H8010" had|strong = "H1732"
 done|strong = "H1980" previously|strong = "H8543".
 Rehoboam's|strong = "H7346" family|strong = "H4940"

¹⁸Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" married|strong = "H3947"
 Mahalath|strong = "H4258". She|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1732"
 the|strong = "H3947" daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121"
 David's|strong = "H1732" son|strong = "H1121" Jerimoth|strong = "H3406",
 and|strong = "H1121" her|strong = "H3947" mother|strong = "H0517"
 was|strong = "H1732" Abihail|strong = "H0032", the|strong = "H3947"
 daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121" Eliab|strong = "H0446"
 and|strong = "H1121" granddaughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jesse|strong = "H3448". ¹⁹ Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 and|strong = "H1121" Mahalath|strong = "H4258" had|strong = "H3205"
 three|strong = "H7969" sons|strong = "H1121": Jeush|strong = "H3266",
 Shemariah|strong = "H8114", and|strong = "H1121"
 Zaham|strong = "H2093". ²⁰ Later|strong = "H0310"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" married|strong = "H3947"
 Maacah|strong = "H4601", the|strong = "H3947" daughter|strong = "H1323"
 of|strong = "H1323" Absalom|strong = "H0053", and|strong = "H1323"
 they|strong = "H3947" had|strong = "H3205" four|strong = "H0702"
 sons|strong = "H3205": Abijah|strong = "H0029", Attai|strong = "H6262",
 Ziza|strong = "H2124", and|strong = "H1323" Shelomith|strong = "H8019".
²¹ Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" loved|strong = "H0157"
 Maacah|strong = "H4601" more|strong = "H3588" than|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H3588" loved|strong = "H0157" any|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605"
 wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H1121" slave|strong = "H5650"
 wives|strong = "H0802". Altogether|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3588"
 had|strong = "H3205" 18 wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H1121" 60
 slave|strong = "H5650" wives|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H1121" 28
 sons|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" 60 daughters|strong = "H1323".

22Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" appointed|strong = "H5975"
 his|strong = "H3588" son|strong = "H1121" Abijah|strong = "H0029"
 to|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3588"
 leader|strong = "H5057" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3588" w
 older|strong = "H1419" w* w and|strong = "H1121" w* w
 younger|strong = "H6810" w* brothers|strong = "H1121",
 because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" wanted|strong = "H2654"
 to|strong = "H1121" appoint|strong = "H5975" Abijah|strong = "H0029"
 to|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3588"
 next|strong = "H4283" king|strong = "H4427". ²³ He|strong = "H3605"
 very|strong = "H7230" wisely|strong = "H2451" sent|strong = "H5414"
 some|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H5414"
 other|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892"
 the|strong = "H3605" areas|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H7626" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121" Benjamin|strong = "H1144",
 and|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H5414" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892"
 that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3063" walls|strong = "H2346"
 around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H5414". He|strong = "H3605"
 gave|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414" plenty|strong = "H7230"
 of|strong = "H1121" supplies|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H1121"
 many|strong = "H7230" wives|strong = "H0802".
 The army of King Shishak of Egypt invaded Judah

12After|strong = "H1961" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 was|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3478" complete|strong = "H3605"
 control|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3605"
 kingdom|strong = "H4438", he|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3478"
 all|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w other|strong = "H3605" w*
 w people|strong = "H5800" w* w in|strong = "H3478" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063" stopped|strong = "H5800" obeying|strong = "H8085"
 the|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451" of|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ² As|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
 result|strong = "H6903", after|strong = "H5921" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
 had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H1961" king|strong = "H4428"
 for|strong = "H3588" almost|strong = "H4592" five|strong = "H2568"
 years|strong = "H8141", Yahweh|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H3068"
 Shishak|strong = "H7895", the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Egypt|strong = "H4714", w with|strong = "H3068" w* w
 his|strong = "H3068" w* w army|strong = "H5927" w* to|strong = "H3068"
 attack|strong = "H5927" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ³

Along|strong = "H5973" with|strong = "H5973" his|strong = "H5973"
 army|strong = "H5971" he|strong = "H5971" brought|strong = "H0935" 1,200
 chariots|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H3967" 60,000
 soldiers|strong = "H5971" riding|strong = "H7392" horses|strong = "H6571"
 and|strong = "H3967" a|strong = "H5971" very|strong = "H3966"
 large|strong = "H1419" number|strong = "H4557" of|strong = "H4557"
 troops|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H5973" two|strong = "H3967"
 regions|strong = "H2506" in|strong = "H5971" Libya|strong = "H3864",
 and|strong = "H3967" from|strong = "H5973" Ethiopia|strong = "H3569".⁴
 They|strong = "H5704" captured|strong = "H3920" many|strong = "H5704"
 of|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H5704" cities|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063" that|strong = "H5892"
 had|strong = "H3063" walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5439"
 them|strong = "H5704", and|strong = "H3063" they|strong = "H5704"
 came|strong = "H3063" as|strong = "H5704" far|strong = "H5704"
 as|strong = "H5704" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

5Then|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" came|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
 Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H6440"
 other|strong = "H3541" leaders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H3068"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" who|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 gathered|strong = "H6960" in|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 because|strong = "H6440" they|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3063"
 afraid|strong = "H3372" of|strong = "H3068" w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
 army|strong = "H3389" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w*
 Shishak|strong = "H7895". Shemaiah|strong = "H8098"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H6440",
 "Yahweh|strong = "H3068" says|strong = "H3541" this|strong = "H3541":
 "You|strong = "H6440" have|strong = "H3068" abandoned|strong = "H5800"
 me|strong = "H6440"; so|strong = "H3541" now|strong = "H3541"
 I|strong = "H3541" am|strong = "H3068" abandoning you|strong = "H6440",
 to|strong = "H3068" w allow|strong = "H5414" w* w you|strong = "H6440" w*
 w to|strong = "H3068" w* w be|strong = "H3027" w* w
 captured|strong = "H3920" w* w by|strong = "H3027" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w army|strong = "H3389" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* Shishak|strong = "H7895"."

6Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428"
 and|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H0312" Israeli
 leaders|strong = "H8269" humbled|strong = "H3665"
 themselves|strong = "H3665" and|strong = "H3478" said|strong = "H0559",
 "What|strong = "H4100" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068"
 doing|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3478" us|strong = "H3478"
 is|strong = "H3068" fair|strong = "H3303"."

7When Yahweh realized that they had humbled themselves, he gave this message to Shemaiah: “Because they have humbled themselves, I will not allow them to be destroyed. Instead, I will rescue them soon. I will not use Shishak’s army to completely destroy the people of Jerusalem, but they will conquer Jerusalem and force there what them As the Jerusalem w that w better me serve of

9When Shishak’s w army attacked Jerusalem, they took away things in of the temple of the king’s palace. They took everything w that valuable the gold shields

that|strong = "H3605" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" w
workers|strong = "H6213" w* had|strong = "H3068" made|strong = "H6213".
¹⁰ So|strong = "H6213" King|strong = "H4428" Rehoboam's|strong = "H7346"
workers|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" bronze|strong = "H5178"
shields|strong = "H4043" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H3027"
used|strong = "H6213" instead|strong = "H8478" of|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H5921" gold|strong = "H2091" ones|strong = "H2945"
and|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H5921"
bronze|strong = "H5178" shields|strong = "H4043" to|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H5921" commanders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H6213" who|strong = "H8104"
guarded|strong = "H8104" the|strong = "H5921" entrance|strong = "H6607"
to|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H8104" palace|strong = "H1004". ¹¹
After|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H3068", whenever|strong = "H1961"
the|strong = "H5375" king|strong = "H4428" went|strong = "H3068"
to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H5375" temple|strong = "H1004",
the|strong = "H5375" guards|strong = "H7323" went|strong = "H3068"
with|strong = "H1004" him|strong = "H7725", carrying|strong = "H5375"
those|strong = "H5375" bronze|strong = "H5178" shields|strong = "H4043".
Then|strong = "H1961" w when|strong = "H1961" w* w
the|strong = "H5375" w* w king|strong = "H4428" w* w
left|strong = "H7725" w*, they|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068"
return|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H5375" shields|strong = "H4043"
to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H5375" guards'|strong = "H7323"
room|strong = "H1004".

¹² Because|strong = "H4480" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
humbled|strong = "H3665" himself|strong = "H3665",
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" stopped|strong = "H7725" being|strong = "H1961"
angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H7725"
and|strong = "H3063" did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
get|strong = "H7725" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H3068"
him|strong = "H7725". Instead|strong = "H3808", he|strong = "H3068"
caused|strong = "H1961" good|strong = "H2896" things|strong = "H1697"
to|strong = "H7725" happen|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H3068"
Judah|strong = "H3063".

¹³ King|strong = "H4428" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346"
again|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H8141"
complete|strong = "H3605" control|strong = "H2388" in|strong = "H8141"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H1121"
continued|strong = "H2388" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. He|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H3068" 41
years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H3588"

he|strong = "H3588" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428". He|strong = "H3588" ruled|strong = "H4427" for|strong = "H3588" 17 years|strong = "H8141" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", which|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" chosen|strong = "H0977" from|strong = "H3478" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H7626" in|strong = "H8141" Israel|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" place|strong = "H7760" in|strong = "H8141" which|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" worship|strong = "H3478" him|strong = "H4427". ¹⁴
 Rehoboam's|strong = "H7346" mother's|strong = "H0517" name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H3068" Naamah|strong = "H5279". She|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H3068" from|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" Ammon|strong = "H5983" people-group. Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" did|strong = "H6213" evil|strong = "H7451" things|strong = "H7451" because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" try|strong = "H0974" to|strong = "H3068" find|strong = "H4672" out|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H7451" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" wanted|strong = "H2654" him|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H6213".

15An|strong = "H3789" account|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H3117" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3605" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" did|strong = "H3808" while|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H3117" lists of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" members|strong = "H3338" of|strong = "H3117" his|strong = "H3605" family|strong = "H4940", are|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" scrolls written|strong = "H3789" by|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" prophets|strong = "H5030" Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" and|strong = "H3117" Iddo|strong = "H5714". The|strong = "H3605" armies|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H3117" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" and|strong = "H3117" Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" were|strong = "H3117" constantly|strong = "H3117" fighting|strong = "H4421" each|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605". ¹⁶ When|strong = "H1121" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" died|strong = "H4191", he|strong = "H1732" was|strong = "H1732" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H6912" w the|strong = "H8478" w* w part|strong = "H7992" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w called|strong = "H7121" w* 'The|strong = "H8478" City|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H1121" David'. Then|strong = "H1732" his|strong = "H1732" son|strong = "H1121" Abijah|strong = "H0029" became|strong = "H4427"

the|strong = "H8478" king|strong = "H4427".
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13When|strong = "H5921" Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" had|strong = "H4428" been|strong = "H4427" ruling|strong = "H4910" w Israel|strong = "H3478" w* for|strong = "H5921" almost|strong = "H4592" 18 years|strong = "H8141", Abijah|strong = "H0029" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063". ² He|strong = "H4480" ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H8034" three|strong = "H7969" years|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H1961" mother|strong = "H0517" was|strong = "H8034" Micaiah|strong = "H4322" (OR|strong = "H4480", Maacah|strong = "H4601"), the|strong = "H4480" daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1323" Uriel|strong = "H0222" from|strong = "H4480" Gibeah|strong = "H1390" w town|strong = "H7151" w*.

T here|strong = "H1961" was|strong = "H8034" a|strong = "H1961" war|strong = "H4421" between|strong = "H4421" w the|strong = "H4480" w* w armies|strong = "H6635" w* w of|strong = "H1323" w* Abijah|strong = "H0029" and|strong = "H3389" Jeroboam|strong = "H3379". ³ Abijah|strong = "H0029" went|strong = "H4421" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3379" battle|strong = "H4421", taking|strong = "H3947" 400,000 of|strong = "H1368" his|strong = "H5973" capable|strong = "H2428" soldiers|strong = "H4421", and|strong = "H3967" Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" prepared|strong = "H6186" to|strong = "H5973" fight|strong = "H4421" them|strong = "H5414", taking|strong = "H3947" 800,000 of|strong = "H1368" his|strong = "H5973" capable|strong = "H2428" troops|strong = "H2428".

4Abijah|strong = "H0029" stood|strong = "H6965" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" top|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H2022" Zemaraim|strong = "H6787" Mountain|strong = "H2022", which|strong = "H3478" is|strong = "H3478" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" hilly area|strong = "H2022" that|strong = "H3605" belonged|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H2022" Ephraim|strong = "H0669", and|strong = "H6965" he|strong = "H3605" shouted|strong = "H7321", "Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" and|strong = "H6965" all|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H8085" of|strong = "H2022" Israel|strong = "H3478", listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H5921"! ⁵ You|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H3068" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478" whom|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3045"

we|strong = "H3588" Israelis belong|strong = "H1961", has|strong = "H3068" appointed|strong = "H5414" David|strong = "H1732" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H5414" descendants|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H5921" kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" forever|strong = "H5769". He|strong = "H3588" has|strong = "H3068" confirmed|strong = "H0539" that|strong = "H3588" by|strong = "H5921" making|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H5414" permanent|strong = "H5769" agreement|strong = "H1285". ⁶ But|strong = "H5921" Jeroboam|strong = "H3379", who|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H1732" w only|strong = "H0389" w* an|strong = "H6965" official|strong = "H5650" of|strong = "H1121" David's|strong = "H1732" son|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H5921" Solomon|strong = "H8010", rebelled|strong = "H4775" against|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H1732" king|strong = "H5921". ⁷ And|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1961" Solomon's|strong = "H8010" son|strong = "H1121" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346" became|strong = "H1961" king|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H1961" still|strong = "H5750" young|strong = "H5288" and|strong = "H1121" inexperienced|strong = "H7390", a|strong = "H1961" group|strong = "H7235" of|strong = "H1121" worthless|strong = "H1100" scoundrels|strong = "H1121" gathered|strong = "H6908" around|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H6440", Jeroboam|strong = "H3379", and|strong = "H1121" rebelled|strong = "H4784" against|strong = "H5921" Rehoboam|strong = "H7346".

⁸And|strong = "H1121" now|strong = "H6258" you|strong = "H6440" are|strong = "H1121" planning|strong = "H2803" to|strong = "H3068" fight|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H6440" kingdom|strong = "H4467" that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" established|strong = "H2388" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3027" governed|strong = "H8199" by|strong = "H3027" David's|strong = "H1732" descendants|strong = "H1121". It|strong = "H6213" is|strong = "H3068" true|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" have|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H6213" huge|strong = "H1995" army|strong = "H1995", and|strong = "H1121" you|strong = "H6440" and|strong = "H1121" your|strong = "H3068" soldiers|strong = "H1121" have|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H6213" with|strong = "H5973" you|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" golden|strong = "H2091" w statues|strong = "H2088" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* calves|strong = "H5695" that|strong = "H3068" Jeroboam's|strong = "H3379" workers|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3027" gods|strong = "H0430" for|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H6213" of|strong = "H1121" you|strong = "H6440". ⁹ But|strong = "H3808" you|strong = "H3605" expelled|strong = "H5080" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" that|strong = "H5971" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w appointed|strong = "H1121" w*,

men|strong="H1121" who|strong="H3605" are|strong="H5971"
 descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Aaron|strong="H0175"
 w the|strong="H3605" w* w first|strong="H1121" w* Supreme w
 Priest|strong="H3548" w*, and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3605"
 expelled|strong="H5080" the|strong="H3605"
 descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881",
 and|strong="H1121" you|strong="H3605" appointed|strong="H1121"
 the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548" that|strong="H5971"
 you|strong="H3605" wanted|strong="H2654", like|strong="H1961"
 the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1121"
 other|strong="H3605" countries|strong="H0776" do|strong="H6213".
 You|strong="H3605" allow|strong="H5414" anyone|strong="H3605"
 to|strong="H3068" become|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961"
 priest|strong="H3548" of|strong="H1121" idols|strong="H1544"
 that|strong="H5971" are|strong="H5971" not|strong="H3808"
 gods|strong="H0430" if|strong="H1961" he|strong="H6213"
 comes|strong="H1961" to|strong="H3068" dedicate|strong="H4390"
 himself|strong="H3027" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961"
 a|strong="H1961" priest|strong="H3548" by|strong="H3027"
 sacrificing|strong="H2076" a|strong="H1961" young|strong="H1121"
 bull|strong="H6499" and|strong="H1121" seven|strong="H7651"
 rams|strong="H0352".

10“As|strong="H3068" for|strong="H3068" us|strong="H5800",
 Yahweh|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" our|strong="H3068"
 God|strong="H3068", and|strong="H1121" we|strong="H0587"
 have|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" abandoned|strong="H5800"
 him|strong="H5800". Our|strong="H3068" priests|strong="H3548"
 who|strong="H3068" serve|strong="H8334" Yahweh|strong="H3068"
 are|strong="H1121" descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"
 Aaron|strong="H0175", and|strong="H1121" the|strong="H3068"
 descendants|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Levi|strong="H3881"
 assist|strong="H8334" them|strong="H1121". ¹¹ Every|strong="H1242"
 morning|strong="H1242" and|strong="H3068" every|strong="H1242"
 evening|strong="H6153" they|strong="H3588" present|strong="H7126"
 to|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068" offerings|strong="H5930"
 to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H3068" completely|strong="H3617"
 burned|strong="H6999" w on|strong="H5921" w* w
 the|strong="H5921" w* w altar|strong="H4196" w*, and|strong="H3068"
 they|strong="H3588" burn|strong="H6999" fragrant|strong="H5561"
 incense|strong="H7004". w Each|strong="H4501" w* w
 week|strong="H7620" w* they|strong="H3588" place|strong="H4725"
 the|strong="H5921" sacred|strong="H6944" bread|strong="H3899"
 on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sacred|strong="H6944"
 table|strong="H7979", and|strong="H3068" each|strong="H4501"

morning|strong = "H1242" they|strong = "H3588" light|strong = "H5216"
 the|strong = "H5921" lamps|strong = "H5216" that|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H3068" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 gold|strong = "H2091" lampstand|strong = "H4501". We|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H3068" obeying|strong = "H8104" what|strong = "H3588"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068"
 requires|strong = "H4147" us|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068"
 do|strong = "H3068". But|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H3068" abandoned|strong = "H5800" him|strong = "H5921".
¹² Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H5973"
 us|strong = "H5921"; he|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"
 our|strong = "H3068" leader|strong = "H7218". The|strong = "H5921"
 priests|strong = "H3548" whom|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588"
 has|strong = "H3068" appointed|strong = "H1121" will|strong = "H3068"
 blow|strong = "H8643" their|strong = "H3068" trumpets|strong = "H2689"
 to|strong = "H3478" signal|strong = "H8643" w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 we|strong = "H3588" w* w are|strong = "H1121" w* w
 ready|strong = "H3559" w* to|strong = "H3478" fight|strong = "H3898"
 a|strong = "H3588" battle|strong = "H8643" against|strong = "H5921"
 you|strong = "H3588". You|strong = "H3588" Israeli men|strong = "H1121",
 do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" fight|strong = "H3898"
 against|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478" whom|strong = "H3588"
 your|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 belonged|strong = "H1961", because|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808"
 successful|strong = "H6743" and|strong = "H1121" win|strong = "H6743"
 the|strong = "H5921" battle|strong = "H8643" against|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5921".

13w While|strong = "H1961" w* w he|strong = "H6440" w* w
 was|strong = "H1961" w* w speaking|strong = "H1696" w*,
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" sent|strong = "H7971" some|strong = "H4480"
 of|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H6440" troops|strong = "H1416"
 around|strong = "H5437" the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428"
 of|strong = "H6440" Judah|strong = "H3063". So|strong = "H1961"
 while|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H5650"
 who|strong = "H3063" were|strong = "H1961" with|strong = "H6440"
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" were|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H6440"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440"
 army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H6440" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 the|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H0312" soldiers|strong = "H5650"
 of|strong = "H6440" Israel|strong = "H3478" were|strong = "H1961"
 behind|strong = "H0310" the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428"
 of|strong = "H6440" Judah|strong = "H3063". ¹⁴ When|strong = "H3068"

the|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H4421" of|strong = "H3068"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" turned|strong = "H6437" and|strong = "H3063"
 saw|strong = "H3063" that|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H3063" going|strong = "H1980" to|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" attacked|strong = "H4421" from|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" front|strong = "H6440" and|strong = "H3063"
 from|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" rear|strong = "H3411",
 they|strong = "H3068" cried|strong = "H6817" out|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068". The|strong = "H6440"
 priests|strong = "H3548" blew|strong = "H2690" their|strong = "H3068"
 trumpets|strong = "H2689", ¹⁵ and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3605"
 men|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H6440" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 shouted|strong = "H7321" a|strong = "H1961" loud|strong = "H7321"
 battle-cry. Then|strong = "H1961" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w
 enabled|strong = "H5414" w* w Abijah|strong = "H0029" w* w
 and|strong = "H3063" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* w of|strong = "H6440" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* defeat|strong = "H5221"
 Jeroboam|strong = "H3379" and|strong = "H3063" w the|strong = "H3605" w*
 w army|strong = "H2428" w* w of|strong = "H6440" w*
 Israel|strong = "H3478". ¹⁶ The|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" fled|strong = "H5127"
 from|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H1121"
 God|strong = "H5414" enabled|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H6440"
 army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H3478" defeat|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414". ¹⁷
 Abijah|strong = "H0029" and|strong = "H3967" his|strong = "H5221"
 troops|strong = "H5971" struck|strong = "H5221" the|strong = "H5221"
 capable|strong = "H2428" soldiers|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H5971"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3967" killed|strong = "H5221"
 500,000 of|strong = "H5971" them|strong = "H5221".

18So|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" were|strong = "H3478"
 defeated|strong = "H5221", and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921"
 soldiers|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 won|strong = "H1589" the|strong = "H5921" battle|strong = "H4421"
 because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" trusted|strong = "H8172"
 in|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3478" whom|strong = "H3588"
 their|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 belonged|strong = "H1961".

19Abijah's army pursued the army of Jeroboam, and they captured the people of Israel the cities of Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephron, and the villages. ²⁰ During that time Abijah ruled, Jeroboam did not become again caused to become very ill, and he died.

21But Abijah became more powerful. He married 14 wives and had 22 sons and 16 daughters.

22An account of the other things that Abijah did while he was the king, including what he said and what he did, is in the scroll written by the prophet Iddo.

14When Abijah died, he was buried in Jerusalem, called 'The City of David'. His son Asa became the king. While Asa

was|strong = "H3068" ruling|strong = "H4910", there|strong = "H3068"
 was|strong = "H3068" peace|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H3068"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" for|strong = "H6213" ten|strong = "H6235"
 years|strong = "H8141".
 King|strong = "H4428" Asa's|strong = "H0609" rule|strong = "H4910"
 in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063"

2Asa|strong = "H0609" did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H4196" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H5493"
 God|strong = "H0430" considers|strong = "H7919" to|strong = "H4196"
 be|strong = "H7665" right|strong = "H3225" and|strong = "H4196"
 good|strong = "H2896". ³ His|strong = "H3068" workers|strong = "H6213"
 got|strong = "H6965" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6213" altars|strong = "H4196" to|strong = "H3068"
 worship|strong = "H7812" foreign|strong = "H5237" gods|strong = "H0430"
 that|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3063" on|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6213" high|strong = "H6213" hills|strong = "H1389".
 They|strong = "H3068" smashed|strong = "H7665" the|strong = "H6213"
 sacred|strong = "H6944" stone|strong = "H0068" pillars|strong = "H5982"
 and|strong = "H3063" cut|strong = "H3772" down|strong = "H3381"
 the|strong = "H6213" poles|strong = "H0905" for|strong = "H6213"
 worshipping|strong = "H7812" w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842". ⁴
 Asa|strong = "H0609" commanded|strong = "H6680" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H6440" worship|strong = "H7812" w only|strong = "H3605" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430"
 whom|strong = "H6440" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 worshiped|strong = "H7812", and|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H6440"
 obey|strong = "H8085" his|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451"
 and|strong = "H3063" commands|strong = "H6680". ⁵ His|strong = "H3068"
 workers|strong = "H1129" destroyed|strong = "H4229" all|strong = "H5973"
 the|strong = "H3588" shrines|strong = "H1354" on|strong = "H5117"
 the|strong = "H3588" hilltops and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3588"
 altars|strong = "H4196" for|strong = "H3588" burning|strong = "H2740"
 incense|strong = "H7004" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 idols|strong = "H1544" w* in|strong = "H8141" every|strong = "H3068"
 town|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H8141" Judah|strong = "H3063".
 As|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H3588" result|strong = "H6903",
 there|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" peace|strong = "H8252"
 while|strong = "H3588" Asa|strong = "H0609" ruled|strong = "H4427"
 the|strong = "H3588" kingdom|strong = "H4467" w of|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. ⁶ His|strong = "H3068"
 workers|strong = "H1129" built|strong = "H1129" cities|strong = "H5892"
 and|strong = "H3063" constructed|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346"

around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H6440". No|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428" attacked|strong = "H5221" Judah|strong = "H3063" during|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H6440", because|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H3068" peace|strong = "H5117".

7Asa|strong = "H0609" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1368" Judah|strong = "H3063", "We|strong = "H3605" should|strong = "H3068" protect|strong = "H8104" these|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H1323" by|strong = "H1961" building|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H5375", with|strong = "H3605" watchtowers and|strong = "H3967" gates|strong = "H8179" that|strong = "H3605" have|strong = "H1961" bars|strong = "H1280". This|strong = "H5375" country|strong = "H2022" still|strong = "H5750" belongs|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1961" us|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H3605" we|strong = "H3605" have|strong = "H1961" requested|strong = "H7592" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430" to|strong = "H1961" help|strong = "H1961" us|strong = "H1961". We|strong = "H3605" requested|strong = "H7592" him|strong = "H3605" for|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" help|strong = "H1961", and|strong = "H3967" he|strong = "H3605" has|strong = "H1961" given|strong = "H5375" us|strong = "H1961" peace|strong = "H7965" in|strong = "H3063" our|strong = "H3605" entire|strong = "H3605" country|strong = "H2022". So|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3605" built|strong = "H1129" buildings|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3967" prospered|strong = "H6743".

8Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H2428" an|strong = "H3318" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H3318" 300,000 men|strong = "H2428" from|strong = "H3318" Judah|strong = "H3063". They|strong = "H5704" all|strong = "H5704" carried|strong = "H3318" large|strong = "H1419" shields|strong = "H4043" and|strong = "H3967" spears|strong = "H7420". He|strong = "H5704" also|strong = "H3318" had|strong = "H2428" 280,000 men|strong = "H2428" from|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H5704" tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H3318" Benjamin|strong = "H1144" w in|strong = "H3318" w* w his|strong = "H3318" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w*. They|strong = "H5704" carried|strong = "H3318" w smaller|strong = "H4592" w* shields|strong = "H4043", and|strong = "H3967" bows|strong = "H7198" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w arrows|strong = "H2671" w*. They|strong = "H5704" were|strong = "H2428" all|strong = "H5704" brave|strong = "H2428" soldiers|strong = "H2428".

9 Zerah |strong = "H2226", a |strong = "H3318" man |strong = "H6440" from |strong = "H3318" Ethiopia |strong = "H3568"/Sudan, marched |strong = "H3318" with |strong = "H6440" a |strong = "H3318" huge |strong = "H1995" army |strong = "H4421" and |strong = "H6440" 300 chariots |strong = "H7393" to |strong = "H3318" attack |strong = "H4421" w the |strong = "H6440" w* w army |strong = "H4421" w* w of |strong = "H6440" w* w Judah |strong = "H3063" w* w and |strong = "H6440" w* w Benjamin |strong = "H1144" w*.

They |strong = "H6440" went |strong = "H3318" as |strong = "H3318" far |strong = "H3318" as |strong = "H3318" w the |strong = "H6440" w* w town |strong = "H7151" w* w of |strong = "H6440" w* w Mareshah |strong = "H4762" w about |strong = "H3318" w* 25 w miles |strong = "H7341" w* /southwest w of |strong = "H6440" w* w Jerusalem |strong = "H3389" w*. ¹⁰ Asa |strong = "H0609" went |strong = "H3068" w with |strong = "H5973" w* w his |strong = "H3068" w* w army |strong = "H1995" w* to |strong = "H3068" fight |strong = "H3898" against |strong = "H5921" them |strong = "H5921", and |strong = "H3068" both |strong = "H5921" armies |strong = "H6635" took |strong = "H3947" their |strong = "H3068" positions |strong = "H7896" in |strong = "H5921" the |strong = "H5921" Zephathah |strong = "H6859" Valley |strong = "H6010".

11 Then |strong = "H3068" Asa |strong = "H0609" cried |strong = "H7121" out |strong = "H6440" to |strong = "H3068" Yahweh |strong = "H3068" his |strong = "H3068" God |strong = "H3068", saying |strong = "H0559", "Yahweh |strong = "H3068", there |strong = "H3068" is |strong = "H3068" no |strong = "H6440" one |strong = "H3068" like |strong = "H3068" you |strong = "H6440" who |strong = "H3068" can |strong = "H4310" help |strong = "H5826" those |strong = "H1992" who |strong = "H3068" have |strong = "H3068" very |strong = "H3966" little |strong = "H4592" power |strong = "H3027" to |strong = "H3068" resist |strong = "H2388" a |strong = "H3068" mighty |strong = "H1368" army |strong = "H2428". Yahweh |strong = "H3068" our |strong = "H3068" God |strong = "H3068", help |strong = "H5826" us |strong = "H6440", because |strong = "H6440" we |strong = "H0587" are |strong = "H3068" relying on |strong = "H3068" you |strong = "H6440"; and |strong = "H3063" trusting |strong = "H0982" in |strong = "H3068" you |strong = "H6440" we |strong = "H0587" have |strong = "H3068" come |strong = "H3063" w to |strong = "H3068" w* w fight |strong = "H3898" w* against |strong = "H6440" this |strong = "H6440" huge |strong = "H1995" army |strong = "H2428". Yahweh |strong = "H3068", you |strong = "H6440" are |strong = "H3068" our |strong = "H3068" God |strong = "H3068"; do |strong = "H3068" not |strong = "H6440" allow |strong = "H5414" anyone |strong = "H3605" to |strong = "H3068" defeat |strong = "H5221" you |strong = "H6440"."

12Then|strong = "H5375" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 enabled|strong = "H5414" Asa|strong = "H0609" and|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H4264" of|strong = "H3068"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H5704" defeat|strong = "H5221"
 the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H4264" from|strong = "H6440"
 Ethiopia|strong = "H3569". They|strong = "H1992" fled|strong = "H5127", ¹³
 and|strong = "H3068" Asa|strong = "H0609" and|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H2428" pursued|strong = "H7291"
 them|strong = "H5921" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w*
 southwest as|strong = "H1961" far|strong = "H5921" as|strong = "H1961"
 Gerar|strong = "H1642". A|strong = "H1961" huge|strong = "H7227"
 number|strong = "H4557" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H5921" Ethiopia|strong = "H3568"
 were|strong = "H1961" killed|strong = "H5221", with|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H3588"
 those|strong = "H3605" w who|strong = "H3605" w* w
 were|strong = "H1961" w* w not|strong = "H1961" w* w
 killed|strong = "H5221" w* were|strong = "H1961" unable|strong = "H3808"
 to|strong = "H3068" fight|strong = "H3898" anymore|strong = "H5750".
 They|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H1961" greatly|strong = "H7227"
 defeated|strong = "H5221" by|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 and|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H2428",
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H3605"
 of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063" carried|strong = "H3068"
 away|strong = "H3605" a|strong = "H1961" great|strong = "H7227"
 amount|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3605"
 possessions|strong = "H7399". ¹⁴ The|strong = "H5221"
 men|strong = "H0376" of|strong = "H7230" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 were|strong = "H1581" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H7725"
 destroy|strong = "H5221" the|strong = "H5221" people|strong = "H1571"
 in|strong = "H7725" villages|strong = "H2691" near|strong = "H7126"
 Gerar|strong = "H1642" because|strong = "H7230" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 had|strong = "H1581" caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5221"
 people|strong = "H1571" there|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 become|strong = "H7725" terrified|strong = "H0926" w
 and|strong = "H7725" w* w unable|strong = "H3808" w* w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w fight|strong = "H3898" w*. The|strong = "H5221"
 army|strong = "H3389" of|strong = "H7230" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 took|strong = "H7617" away|strong = "H7725" all|strong = "H7725"
 the|strong = "H5221" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H7230"
 from|strong = "H7725" those|strong = "H1992" villages|strong = "H2691".
¹⁵ They|strong = "H1992" also|strong = "H1571" attacked|strong = "H5221"
 the|strong = "H3605" places|strong = "H1116" where|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H3605" local people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H0834"
 took|strong = "H3947" care|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H1121" domestic
 animals|strong = "H0929" had|strong = "H3068" set|strong = "H7760"

up|strong = "H5927" their|strong = "H3605" tents|strong = "H0168",
 and|strong = "H3967" they|strong = "H1992" took|strong = "H3947"
 away|strong = "H5493" big|strong = "H0931" herds|strong = "H1241"
 of|strong = "H1121" sheep|strong = "H6629" and|strong = "H3967"
 goats|strong = "H5795" and|strong = "H3967" camels|strong = "H1581".
 Then|strong = "H0227" they|strong = "H1992" returned|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H0413" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

The reforms that Asa introduced

15The|strong = "H5921" Spirit|strong = "H7307" of|strong = "H1121"
 God|strong = "H0430" came|strong = "H1961" upon|strong = "H5921"
 Azariah|strong = "H5838", the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Obed|strong = "H5744". ² Azariah|strong = "H5838"
 went|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" talk|strong = "H1696"
 with|strong = "H5973" Asa|strong = "H0609", and|strong = "H3063"
 said|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3318" him|strong = "H6440",
 "Asa|strong = "H0609" and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605" w
 you|strong = "H6440" w* w men|strong = "H3605" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" Benjamin|strong = "H1144", listen|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H3318" me|strong = "H6440". Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 is|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H5973" you|strong = "H6440"
 whenever|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H6440" are|strong = "H3068"
 trusting|strong = "H0982" in|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H6440".
 If|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H6440" request|strong = "H6440"
 him|strong = "H6440" w to|strong = "H3318" w* w help|strong = "H5800" w*
 w you|strong = "H6440" w*, he|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068"
 help|strong = "H5800" you|strong = "H6440", but|strong = "H1961"
 if|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H6440" abandon|strong = "H5800"
 him|strong = "H6440", he|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068"
 abandon|strong = "H5800" you|strong = "H6440". ³ For|strong = "H3117"
 many|strong = "H7227" years|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3117" Israeli
 people|strong = "H3808" did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 know|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3117" true|strong = "H0571"
 God|strong = "H3808", and|strong = "H3478" they|strong = "H3117"
 did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H3478"
 priests|strong = "H3548" or|strong = "H3808" God's|strong = "H0430"
 laws|strong = "H8451". ⁴ But|strong = "H7725" when|strong = "H7725"
 they|strong = "H3068" experienced|strong = "H3045"
 trouble|strong = "H6862", they|strong = "H3068" turned|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H7725" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3478" requested|strong = "H1245"
 him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H7725" help|strong = "H5826"
 them|strong = "H5921". And|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H3068"

helped|strong = "H5826" them|strong = "H5921". ⁵ At|strong = "H3427" that|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H7227", people|strong = "H3427" were|strong = "H1992" not|strong = "H3588" safe|strong = "H7965" when|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" traveled|strong = "H5265", because|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3427" who|strong = "H3605" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" nearby|strong = "H7138" countries|strong = "H0776" were|strong = "H1992" experiencing|strong = "H2896" many|strong = "H7227" difficulties. ⁶ The|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1471" of|strong = "H5892" various|strong = "H2921" nations|strong = "H1471" were|strong = "H1471" thoroughly|strong = "H3190" defeated|strong = "H3807" by|strong = "H5892" w armies|strong = "H6635" w* w of|strong = "H5892" w* other|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471", and|strong = "H5892" people|strong = "H1471" in|strong = "H5892" some|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" were|strong = "H1471" crushed|strong = "H3807" by|strong = "H5892" w armies|strong = "H6635" w* w from|strong = "H1471" w* other|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892", because|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0430" was|strong = "H5892" allowing them|strong = "H2000" to|strong = "H1471" experience|strong = "H7200" many|strong = "H7227" difficulties. ⁷ But|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971", you|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H4191" be|strong = "H3426" strong|strong = "H2388" and|strong = "H3027" do|strong = "H3426" not|strong = "H3588" become|strong = "H3027" discouraged|strong = "H7503", because|strong = "H3588" w God|strong = "H3027" w* will|strong = "H3027" reward|strong = "H7939" you|strong = "H3588" for|strong = "H3588" what|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H3426" w to|strong = "H3027" w* w please|strong = "H4994" w* w him|strong = "H3027" w* ."

⁸When|strong = "H8085" Asa|strong = "H0609" heard|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H3605" prophet|strong = "H5030" Azariah|strong = "H5838" said|strong = "H1697", he|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" encouraged|strong = "H2388". He|strong = "H3068" w commanded|strong = "H6680" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w workers|strong = "H6466" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* remove|strong = "H5674" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" detestable|strong = "H8251" idols|strong = "H8251" from|strong = "H4480" everywhere|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" land|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H7626" of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063" Benjamin|strong = "H1144", and|strong = "H3063" from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" w his|strong = "H3605" w* w

soldiers|strong = "H5650" w* had|strong = "H3068"
 captured|strong = "H3920" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 hills|strong = "H2022" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H3068" Ephraim|strong = "H0669".
 Asa's|strong = "H0609" workers|strong = "H6466" repaired|strong = "H2388"
 the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196" w where|strong = "H4480" w* w
 people|strong = "H8085" w* w offered|strong = "H5927" w* w
 sacrifices|strong = "H2077" w* to|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3068"
 in|strong = "H3068" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" entrance|strong = "H6607" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" w in|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*. ⁹ Then|strong = "H5307"
 he|strong = "H3588" gathered|strong = "H6908" all|strong = "H3605" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H7200" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" Benjamin|strong = "H1144" and|strong = "H3063"
 many|strong = "H7230" people|strong = "H7200" from|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" tribes|strong = "H7626" of|strong = "H3068"
 Ephraim|strong = "H0669", Manasseh|strong = "H4519",
 and|strong = "H3063" Simeon|strong = "H8095" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H3478" living|strong = "H1481" among|strong = "H5973"
 them|strong = "H5921". w He|strong = "H3588" w* w
 was|strong = "H3068" w* w able|strong = "H3201" w* w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w do|strong = "H3068" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 because|strong = "H3588" many|strong = "H7230" people|strong = "H7200"
 from|strong = "H5921" w those|strong = "H3605" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w in|strong = "H5921" w* Israel|strong = "H3478"
 had|strong = "H3068" c toome to|strong = "H3478" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 when|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" realized|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605"
 God|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3588" Asa|strong = "H0609" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*, was|strong = "H3068"
 helping|strong = "H5826" him|strong = "H5921".

¹⁰After|strong = "H7992" Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H3389"
 been|strong = "H1961" ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H3389"
 almost|strong = "H4592" 15 years|strong = "H8141", in|strong = "H8141"
 May|strong = "H1961" of|strong = "H8141" that|strong = "H8141"
 year|strong = "H8141", those|strong = "H1992" people|strong = "H6908"
 gathered|strong = "H6908" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

¹¹ At|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H3117"
 they|strong = "H3117" sacrificed|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" 700 bulls|strong = "H1241" and|strong = "H3967"

7,000 sheep|strong = "H6629" and|strong = "H3967" goats|strong = "H5795",
 from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3068" animals|strong = "H0929"
 that|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117" had|strong = "H3068"
 captured|strong = "H3920" w when|strong = "H3117" w* w
 they|strong = "H3117" w* w defeated|strong = "H5221" w* w
 the|strong = "H3068" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w Ethiopia|strong = "H3568" w*/Sudan. ¹²
 They|strong = "H3068" solemnly|strong = "H7650" made|strong = "H3068"
 an|strong = "H3068" agreement|strong = "H1285" to|strong = "H3068"
 very|strong = "H3966" sincerely|strong = "H8549" worship|strong = "H7812"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. ¹³ They|strong = "H3068"
 promised|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H5704" execute|strong = "H4191"
 all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605"
 would|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" worship|strong = "H3478"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", including|strong = "H5704"
 those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478"
 important|strong = "H5704" and|strong = "H3478" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 important|strong = "H5704", both|strong = "H4480" men|strong = "H1419"
 and|strong = "H3478" women|strong = "H0802". ¹⁴ They|strong = "H3068"
 shouted|strong = "H8643" and|strong = "H3068" blew|strong = "H8628"
 trumpets|strong = "H2689" and|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H0312"
 horns|strong = "H7782" while|strong = "H5704" they|strong = "H3068"
 solemnly|strong = "H7650" promised|strong = "H7650" to|strong = "H3068"
 do|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068". ¹⁵ All|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H3063" living|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H5921"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" were|strong = "H3063" happy|strong = "H8055"
 with|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" agreement|strong = "H7284"
 because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H3068"
 solemnly|strong = "H7650" and|strong = "H3063" very|strong = "H8055"
 sincerely|strong = "H8549" promised|strong = "H7650" to|strong = "H3068"
 keep|strong = "H8104" it|strong = "H5921". They|strong = "H3588"
 eagerly|strong = "H6960" requested|strong = "H1245" help|strong = "H5826"
 from|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3063"
 he|strong = "H3588" helped|strong = "H5826" them|strong = "H5921".
 So|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" enabled|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H3068"
 peace|strong = "H5117" throughout|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605"
 country|strong = "H2022".

16King|strong = "H4428" Asa's|strong = "H0609" grandmother
 Maacah|strong = "H4601" had|strong = "H4428" made|strong = "H6213"

a|strong = "H6213" disgusting|strong = "H8441" pole|strong = "H5251"
 for|strong = "H6213" w worshipping|strong = "H7812" w* w
 the|strong = "H6213" w* w goddess|strong = "H0430" w*
 Asherah|strong = "H0842". So|strong = "H6213" Asa|strong = "H0609" w
 commanded|strong = "H1571" w* w his|strong = "H5493" w* w
 workers|strong = "H6213" w* w to|strong = "H6213" w* cut|strong = "H3772"
 down|strong = "H3772" that|strong = "H4428" pole|strong = "H5251"
 and|strong = "H4428" chop|strong = "H1414" it|strong = "H6213"
 into|strong = "H6213" pieces|strong = "H1854" and|strong = "H4428"
 burn|strong = "H8313" it|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H6213" Kidron|strong = "H6939" Valley|strong = "H5158".
 He|strong = "H6213" then|strong = "H1571" did|strong = "H6213"
 not|strong = "H6213" allow|strong = "H5414" Maacah|strong = "H4601"
 to|strong = "H6213" continue|strong = "H1961" w to|strong = "H6213" w* w
 influence|strong = "H4294" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 people|strong = "H1571" w* w because|strong = "H3588" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* w her|strong = "H3772" w* being|strong = "H3772"
 the|strong = "H6213" mother|strong = "H1377" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H6213" previous|strong = "H7223" king|strong = "H4428". ¹⁷
 Although|strong = "H3808" Asa's|strong = "H0609" w
 workers|strong = "H6466" w* did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 get|strong = "H5493" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3605" shrines|strong = "H1354" on|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3605" hilltops in|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478",
 he|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966"
 determined|strong = "H2782" to|strong = "H3478" w do|strong = "H3605" w*
 w what|strong = "H4100" w* pleased|strong = "H3190"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605"
 life|strong = "H3117". ¹⁸ He|strong = "H1004" w
 ordered|strong = "H6680" w* w his|strong = "H6942" w* w
 workers|strong = "H6466" w* w to|strong = "H1004" w*
 bring|strong = "H0935" into|strong = "H3701" God's|strong = "H0430"
 temple|strong = "H1004" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H6942"
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3701" gold|strong = "H2091"
 and|strong = "H3701" other|strong = "H0312" valuable|strong = "H3368"
 items|strong = "H3627" that|strong = "H3627" he|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H3701" his|strong = "H6942" father|strong = "H0001"
 had|strong = "H6944" dedicated|strong = "H6942" w to|strong = "H1004" w*
 w God|strong = "H0430" w*.

¹⁹There|strong = "H1961" were|strong = "H1961" no|strong = "H3808"
 more|strong = "H3808" wars|strong = "H4421" w in|strong = "H8141" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* until|strong = "H5704" Asa|strong = "H0609"
 had|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961" ruling|strong = "H4910"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" almost|strong = "H4592" 35 years|strong = "H8141".

The final years that Asa ruled Judah

16When|strong = "H3318" Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H3478" been|strong = "H5927" ruling|strong = "H4910" w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* for|strong = "H5921" almost|strong = "H4592" 36 years|strong = "H8141", King|strong = "H4428" Baasha|strong = "H1201" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478" went|strong = "H3318" w with|strong = "H5921" w* w his|strong = "H5414" w* w army|strong = "H5927" w* to|strong = "H3318" attack|strong = "H5927" Judah|strong = "H3063". They|strong = "H5921" w captured|strong = "H3920" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w town|strong = "H7151" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* Ramah|strong = "H7414" w north|strong = "H6828" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* and|strong = "H3063" started|strong = "H1129" to|strong = "H3318" build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H5414" wall|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5921" w it|strong = "H5414" w*, in|strong = "H8141" order|strong = "H4616" to|strong = "H3318" prevent|strong = "H1115" any|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H3318" entering|strong = "H0935" or|strong = "H1115" leaving|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H5921" area|strong = "H1508" in|strong = "H8141" Judah|strong = "H3063" that|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3478" ruled|strong = "H4428" by|strong = "H5921" King|strong = "H4428" Asa|strong = "H0609" w because|strong = "H5921" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w only|strong = "H0389" w* w road|strong = "H1870" w* w into|strong = "H5927" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w from|strong = "H3318" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w* w went|strong = "H3318" w* w through|strong = "H5921" w* w Ramah|strong = "H7414" w*.

2So|strong = "H7971" Asa|strong = "H0609" told|strong = "H5046" his|strong = "H3068" workers|strong = "H6466" to|strong = "H3318" take|strong = "H3318" all|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H3068" silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3068" gold|strong = "H2091" that|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3068" storerooms of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3427" his|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H1961" palace|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H3068" take|strong = "H3318" and|strong = "H3068" give|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H3318" Ben-Hadad|strong = "H1130", the|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Syria|strong = "H0758", who|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" ruling|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" Damascus|strong = "H1834". w He|strong = "H3068" w* w sent|strong = "H7971" w* w him|strong = "H7971" w* w a|strong = "H7971" w* w message|strong = "H3068" w*,

saying|strong = "H0559" ³ "I|strong = "H2009" want|strong = "H4270"
 there|strong = "H2009" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3478"
 a|strong = "H7971" peace|strong = "H7965" treaty|strong = "H1285"
 between|strong = "H5921" me|strong = "H7971" and|strong = "H3478"
 you|strong = "H7971", like|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H2009"
 was|strong = "H3478" between|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921"
 father|strong = "H0001" and|strong = "H3478" your|strong = "H5921"
 father|strong = "H0001". Look|strong = "H2009", I|strong = "H2009"
 am|strong = "H1961" sending|strong = "H7971" you|strong = "H7971" w
 a|strong = "H7971" w* w lot|strong = "H1486" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w*
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3478" gold|strong = "H2091".
 So|strong = "H7971" please|strong = "H4994" cancel the|strong = "H5921"
 treaty|strong = "H1285" that|strong = "H3478" you|strong = "H7971"
 have|strong = "H3478" made|strong = "H3478" with|strong = "H1285"
 Baasha|strong = "H1201", the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478", in|strong = "H5921"
 order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3478" he|strong = "H5921"
 will|strong = "H4428" take|strong = "H5927" his|strong = "H7971"
 soldiers|strong = "H5927" away|strong = "H7971" from|strong = "H5921"
 attacking|strong = "H5221" mine|strong = "H7971", w
 because|strong = "H5921" w* w he|strong = "H5921" w* w
 will|strong = "H4428" w* w be|strong = "H3478" w* w
 afraid|strong = "H3372" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 your|strong = "H5921" w* w army|strong = "H5927" w*."

4Ben-Hadad|strong = "H1130" agreed|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H3605" what|strong = "H8085"
 King|strong = "H4428" Asa|strong = "H0609" w
 suggested|strong = "H5414" w*. He|strong = "H3605" sent|strong = "H7971"
 the|strong = "H3605" commanders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H3605" armies|strong = "H2428" w with|strong = "H5892" w* w
 their|strong = "H3605" w* w soldiers|strong = "H2428" w*
 to|strong = "H3478" attack|strong = "H5221" some|strong = "H3605"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478". They|strong = "H3478"
 captured|strong = "H3920" Ijon|strong = "H5859", Dan|strong = "H1835",
 Abel-Beth-Maakah|strong = "H0062" and|strong = "H3478"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" area|strong = "H1508" belonging
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" tribe|strong = "H4294"
 of|strong = "H4428" Naphtali|strong = "H5321" where|strong = "H0834"
 supplies|strong = "H4399" were|strong = "H3478" kept|strong = "H8104". ⁵
 When|strong = "H1961" Baasha|strong = "H1201" heard|strong = "H8085"
 about|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H8085", he|strong = "H1129" w
 commanded|strong = "H6680" w* w his|strong = "H8085" w* w

troops|strong = "H1416" w* w to|strong = "H1961" w* stop|strong = "H2308"
 fortifying|strong = "H1129" Ramah|strong = "H7414" and|strong = "H8085"
 doing|strong = "H6213" other|strong = "H0312" work|strong = "H4399"
 there|strong = "H1961". ⁶ Then|strong = "H3947" King|strong = "H4428"
 Asa|strong = "H0609" gathered|strong = "H6960" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H3063" they|strong = "H3605"
 took|strong = "H3947" away|strong = "H3947" from|strong = "H3947"
 Ramah|strong = "H7414" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 stones|strong = "H0068" and|strong = "H3063" timber|strong = "H6086"
 that|strong = "H3605" Baasha's|strong = "H1201" men|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H4428" been|strong = "H5375" using|strong = "H5927" w
 to|strong = "H4428" w* w build|strong = "H1129" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w wall|strong = "H2346" w* w
 around|strong = "H5439" w* w that|strong = "H3605" w* w
 town|strong = "H7151" w*. They|strong = "H3605" took|strong = "H3947"
 those|strong = "H3605" materials to|strong = "H4428" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w town|strong = "H7151" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* Geba|strong = "H1387" and|strong = "H3063" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w city|strong = "H5892" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 Mizpah|strong = "H4709" w north|strong = "H6828" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w
 and|strong = "H3063" built|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346"
 around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H3947".

⁷ At|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H7200" time|strong = "H6256"
 the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030" Hanani|strong = "H2607"
 went|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3068" King|strong = "H4428"
 Asa|strong = "H0609" and|strong = "H3063" said|strong = "H3651"
 to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H5921", "Because|strong = "H5921"
 you|strong = "H5921" relied|strong = "H8172" on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Syria|strong = "H0758" and|strong = "H3063" not|strong = "H3808"
 on|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068", you|strong = "H5921" missed|strong = "H6485"
 your|strong = "H3068" opportunity to|strong = "H3068"
 destroy|strong = "H7843" the|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H2426"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Syria|strong = "H0758". ⁸ The|strong = "H5921"
 huge|strong = "H7230" armies|strong = "H2428" from|strong = "H5921"
 Ethiopia|strong = "H3569" and|strong = "H3068" Libya|strong = "H3864"
 with|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H5414" their|strong = "H3068"
 chariots|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H3068" soldiers|strong = "H2428" w
 riding|strong = "H7392" w* on|strong = "H5921" horses|strong = "H6571" w
 were|strong = "H1961" w* w certainly|strong = "H3808" w* w

very|strong = "H3966" w* w powerful|strong = "H2428" w*. w
 But|strong = "H3808" w* when|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H5414"
 relied|strong = "H8172" on|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 he|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414" your|strong = "H3068"
 army|strong = "H2428" to|strong = "H3068" defeat|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414". 9 That|strong = "H3588"
 happened|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H3588"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" sees|strong = "H7200" w what|strong = "H2063" w*
 w is|strong = "H3068" w* happening all|strong = "H3605"
 over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" earth|strong = "H0776",
 and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3588" strengthens|strong = "H5797"
 those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" completely|strong = "H3605"
 trust|strong = "H0982" him|strong = "H5921". You|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H3426" done|strong = "H5528" a|strong = "H3588"
 very|strong = "H6258" foolish|strong = "H5528" thing|strong = "H2063",
 so|strong = "H6258" from|strong = "H5921" now|strong = "H6258"
 on|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H3605" armies|strong = "H6635"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3426" fighting|strong = "H4421"
 your|strong = "H3068" army|strong = "H4421".

10Asa|strong = "H0609" was|strong = "H1931" very|strong = "H3966"
 angry|strong = "H3707" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H5921"
 prophet|strong = "H5030" because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H1004"
 what|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 had|strong = "H3588" said|strong = "H0559". So|strong = "H4480"
 he|strong = "H1931" w commanded|strong = "H6680" w* w
 his|strong = "H5414" w* w officials|strong = "H8269" w* w
 to|strong = "H5921" w* put|strong = "H5414" Hanani|strong = "H2607"
 in|strong = "H5921" prison|strong = "H1004". At|strong = "H5921"
 that|strong = "H3588" same|strong = "H1931" time|strong = "H6256",
 he|strong = "H1931" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H5921"
 treat|strong = "H6213" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H1004"
 his|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971" very|strong = "H3966"
 cruelly|strong = "H7188".

11All|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" Asa|strong = "H0609" did|strong = "H3478"
 while|strong = "H2009" he|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3478"
 ruling|strong = "H4910", from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 time|strong = "H7223" he|strong = "H5921" started|strong = "H2490"
 to|strong = "H3478" rule|strong = "H4428" until|strong = "H5921"
 he|strong = "H5921" died|strong = "H4191", are|strong = "H3478"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 scroll|strong = "H5612" containing|strong = "H8033" the|strong = "H5921"
 record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" w

activities|strong = "H1697" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063" Israel|strong = "H3478". ¹²
 When|strong = "H3588" Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H3808" ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H3588"
 almost|strong = "H4592" 39 years|strong = "H8141", he|strong = "H3588"
 was|strong = "H3068" afflicted|strong = "H6041" with|strong = "H3068"
 a|strong = "H3588" disease|strong = "H2483" in|strong = "H8141"
 his|strong = "H3068" feet|strong = "H7272". The|strong = "H3588"
 disease|strong = "H2483" was|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H5704"
 severe|strong = "H4605", but|strong = "H3588" in|strong = "H8141"
 spite|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3588",
 he|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
 request|strong = "H1246" help|strong = "H5826" from|strong = "H5704"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". Instead|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588"
 sought|strong = "H1875" help|strong = "H5826" only|strong = "H3588"
 from|strong = "H5704" doctors. ¹³ When|strong = "H7901"
 he|strong = "H8141" had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H4427"
 ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H4191" almost|strong = "H4592" 40
 years|strong = "H8141", he|strong = "H8141" died|strong = "H4191". ¹⁴
 He|strong = "H5704" was|strong = "H1732" buried|strong = "H6912"
 in|strong = "H6912" the|strong = "H5704" tomb|strong = "H6913"
 that|strong = "H5892" his|strong = "H1732" workers|strong = "H6466"
 had|strong = "H1732" made|strong = "H4639" for|strong = "H5704"
 him|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H6912" w the|strong = "H5704" w* w
 part|strong = "H7992" w* w of|strong = "H5892" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w called|strong = "H7121" w* w
 "The|strong = "H5704" City|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H5892" David".
 They|strong = "H5704" laid|strong = "H7901" his|strong = "H1732"
 corpse|strong = "H5038" on|strong = "H5892" a|strong = "H5704"
 bed|strong = "H4904" covered|strong = "H4390" with|strong = "H4390"
 spices|strong = "H1314" and|strong = "H1419" various|strong = "H2921"
 perfumes|strong = "H7547" that|strong = "H5892" had|strong = "H1732"
 been|strong = "H4390" mixed|strong = "H4842" together|strong = "H4390".
 They|strong = "H5704" also|strong = "H1732" lit|strong = "H0215"
 a|strong = "H5704" huge|strong = "H1995" fire|strong = "H8316"
 to|strong = "H5704" honor|strong = "H3519" him|strong = "H6912".
 King Jehoshaphat's rule in Judah

17Asa's|strong = "H0609" son|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" became|strong = "H4427"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H5921"
 enabled|strong = "H5414" his|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H2428"
 to|strong = "H3478" become|strong = "H4427" very|strong = "H3966"

result|strong = "H2388", with|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 could|strong = "H3201" resist|strong = "H2388" attacks|strong = "H5221"
 from|strong = "H5921" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* Israel|strong = "H3478".
² He|strong = "H3605" put|strong = "H5414" soldiers|strong = "H2428"
 in|strong = "H5892" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 around|strong = "H5439" which|strong = "H5892" they|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H3063" built|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346",
 and|strong = "H3063" he|strong = "H3605" put|strong = "H5414"
 soldiers|strong = "H2428" in|strong = "H5892" other|strong = "H3605"
 places|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" in|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605"
 towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605"
 area|strong = "H1508" belonging to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605"
 tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H5892" Ephraim|strong = "H0669"
 that|strong = "H3605" w soldiers|strong = "H2428" w* w
 of|strong = "H5892" w* his|strong = "H3605" father|strong = "H0001"
 Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H3063" captured|strong = "H3920".

3Yahweh|strong = "H3068" helped|strong = "H5826"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" because|strong = "H3588"
 when|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" started|strong = "H1961" w
 to|strong = "H1980" w* w rule|strong = "H4910" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, he|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3588" things|strong = "H7223" that|strong = "H3588"
 pleased|strong = "H3190" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" like|strong = "H1961"
 his|strong = "H3068" ancestor w King|strong = "H4428" w*
 David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H1961".
 He|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
 worship|strong = "H7812" the|strong = "H3588" idols|strong = "H1544"
 of|strong = "H3068" Baal|strong = "H1168". ⁴ Instead|strong = "H3588",
 he|strong = "H3588" sought|strong = "H1875" advice|strong = "H6098"
 from|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H3808"
 whom|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H3478" father|strong = "H0001" w
 had|strong = "H3478" w* w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*,
 and|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H3588" obeyed|strong = "H8085"
 God's|strong = "H0430" commands|strong = "H4687", and|strong = "H1980"
 did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808" do|strong = "H4639"
 the|strong = "H3588" w evil|strong = "H7451" w* w
 things|strong = "H4639" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 the|strong = "H3588" w* w kings|strong = "H4428" w* w
 of|strong = "H4639" w* Israel|strong = "H3478" continually|strong = "H1980"
 did|strong = "H3478". ⁵ Yahweh|strong = "H3068"

enabled|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3605" control|strong = "H3027" his|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4467". All|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" brought|strong = "H5414" gifts|strong = "H4503" to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H5414", with|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3068" became|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H7230" rich|strong = "H6239" and|strong = "H3063" was|strong = "H3068" greatly|strong = "H7230" honored|strong = "H3519". ⁶ He|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3617" devoted|strong = "H8003" to|strong = "H3068" doing|strong = "H1870" what|strong = "H1870" pleased|strong = "H3190" Yahweh|strong = "H3068". His|strong = "H3068" workers|strong = "H6466" got|strong = "H6965" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" shrines|strong = "H1354" on|strong = "H1870" the|strong = "H3068" hilltops and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3068" poles|strong = "H0905" for|strong = "H3068" w worshipping|strong = "H7812" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w* w goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842" throughout|strong = "H3605" Judah|strong = "H3063".

⁷When|strong = "H7971" he|strong = "H8141" had|strong = "H3063" been|strong = "H4427" ruling|strong = "H4910" w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* for|strong = "H7971" almost|strong = "H4592" three|strong = "H7969" years|strong = "H8141", he|strong = "H8141" sent|strong = "H7971" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H8141" his|strong = "H7971" officials|strong = "H8269"—Ben-Hail|strong = "H1134", Obadiah|strong = "H5662", Zechariah|strong = "H2148", Nethanel|strong = "H5417", and|strong = "H3063" Micaiah|strong = "H4322"—to|strong = "H7971" teach|strong = "H3925" the|strong = "H7971" people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H8141" various|strong = "H2921" towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H8141" Judah|strong = "H3063". ⁸ With|strong = "H5973" them|strong = "H5414" he|strong = "H3881" sent|strong = "H7971" several|strong = "H2669" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3548" Levi|strong = "H3881"—Shemaiah|strong = "H8098", Nethaniah|strong = "H5418", Zebadiah|strong = "H2069", Asahel|strong = "H6214", Shemiramoth|strong = "H8070", Jehonathan|strong = "H3083", Adonijah|strong = "H0138", Tobijah|strong = "H2900", and|strong = "H3548" Tob-Adonijah|strong = "H2899"—and|strong = "H3548" two|strong = "H8147" priests|strong = "H3548", Elishama|strong = "H0476" and|strong = "H3548" Jehoram|strong = "H3088". ⁹ They|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H5971" with|strong = "H5973" them|strong = "H3925"

a|strong = "H3068" scroll|strong = "H5612" on|strong = "H3068"
 which|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H5971" written|strong = "H3789"
 the|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451" of|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3063" taught|strong = "H3925"
 them|strong = "H3925" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892" throughout|strong = "H3605"
 Judah|strong = "H3063",

10The|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3808" in|strong = "H5921"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" kingdoms|strong = "H4467"
 surrounding|strong = "H5439" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 became|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966" afraid|strong = "H6343"
 of|strong = "H3068" w what|strong = "H6343" w* w
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w might|strong = "H3068" w* w
 do|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 punish|strong = "H6485" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w* w
 if|strong = "H1961" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w
 fought|strong = "H3898" w* w against|strong = "H5921" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, so|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3068"
 did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" start|strong = "H1870"
 wars|strong = "H4421" with|strong = "H5973"

Jehoshaphat's|strong = "H3092" army|strong = "H2428". ¹¹

Some|strong = "H4480" people|strong = "H1571" from|strong = "H4480"
 Philistia|strong = "H6429" brought|strong = "H6430" gifts|strong = "H4503"
 to|strong = "H4480" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092", and|strong = "H3967"
 they|strong = "H1571" also|strong = "H1571" brought|strong = "H6430"
 to|strong = "H4480" him|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480"
 silver|strong = "H3701" that|strong = "H4480" he|strong = "H4480"
 demanded|strong = "H7592" that|strong = "H4480" they|strong = "H1571"
 pay|strong = "H3701" to|strong = "H4480" him|strong = "H4480".
 Some|strong = "H4480" Arabs|strong = "H6163" brought|strong = "H6430"
 to|strong = "H4480" him|strong = "H4480" 7,700 rams|strong = "H0352"
 and|strong = "H3967" 7,700 goats|strong = "H8495".

12Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" continued|strong = "H1980"
 to|strong = "H5704" become|strong = "H1961" more|strong = "H5704"
 powerful|strong = "H2392"/influential. His|strong = "H1961"
 workers|strong = "H1129" built|strong = "H1129" forts|strong = "H1785"
 and|strong = "H1980" places|strong = "H1116" to|strong = "H5704"
 store|strong = "H4543" supplies|strong = "H4399" in|strong = "H1980"
 various|strong = "H2921" towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H1980"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". ¹³ Then|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3389"
 put|strong = "H5414" large|strong = "H7227" amounts|strong = "H4948"
 of|strong = "H5892" supplies|strong = "H4399" in|strong = "H5892"

those|strong = "H1961" storehouses|strong = "H0214".

J ehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" also|strong = "H3389" placed|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H5892" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" soldiers|strong = "H4421" who|strong = "H3063" were|strong = "H1961" experienced|strong = "H3045". ¹⁴ The|strong = "H5973" leaders|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H3967" numbers|strong = "H6486" from|strong = "H5973" each|strong = "H0376" tribe|strong = "H4294" were|strong = "H3063" as|strong = "H3063" follows|strong = "H3652": From|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H5973" tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H1004" Judah|strong = "H3063", Adnah|strong = "H5734" was|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5973" leader|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5973" soldiers|strong = "H2428", and|strong = "H3967" he|strong = "H1004" commanded|strong = "H6680" 300,000 soldiers|strong = "H2428". ¹⁵ His|strong = "H5921" assistant|strong = "H8334" was|strong = "H3027" Jehohanan|strong = "H3076", who|strong = "H8269" commanded|strong = "H6680" 280,000 soldiers|strong = "H3967". ¹⁶ Next|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3068" Zicri's son|strong = "H1121" Amasiah|strong = "H6007", who|strong = "H3068" volunteered|strong = "H5068" to|strong = "H3068" serve|strong = "H3027" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H3068" way|strong = "H5921"; he|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H6680" 200,000 soldiers|strong = "H2428". ¹⁷ From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H4480" Benjamin|strong = "H1144", Eliada|strong = "H0450", who|strong = "H1368" was|strong = "H2428" a|strong = "H4480" brave|strong = "H2428" soldier|strong = "H6635", was|strong = "H2428" the|strong = "H4480" leader|strong = "H5387" of|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" soldiers|strong = "H2428"; he|strong = "H4480" commanded|strong = "H6680" 200,000 men|strong = "H1368" who|strong = "H1368" had|strong = "H2428" bows|strong = "H7198" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w arrows|strong = "H7198" w* and|strong = "H3967" shields|strong = "H4043". ¹⁸ Next|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3027" Jehozabad|strong = "H3075", who|strong = "H6635" commanded|strong = "H6680" 180,000 men|strong = "H2502" who|strong = "H6635" had|strong = "H6635" weapons|strong = "H3627" for|strong = "H5921" fighting|strong = "H3898" battles|strong = "H4421". ¹⁹ Those|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H3605" served|strong = "H8334" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" w in|strong = "H4428" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*, in|strong = "H4428" addition|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H3605" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H4428" placed|strong = "H5414"

in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605"
 cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H4428" walls|strong = "H2346"
 around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H5414".
 The prophet Micaiah warned King Ahab of Israel

18Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" became|strong = "H1961"
 very|strong = "H7230" wealthy|strong = "H6239" and|strong = "H6239"
 was|strong = "H1961" greatly|strong = "H7230" honored|strong = "H3519".
 But|strong = "H1961" then|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H0834"
 arranged|strong = "H6186" for|strong = "H1961" one|strong = "H1961"
 of|strong = "H7230" his|strong = "H1961" family|strong = "H4940"
 to|strong = "H1961" marry|strong = "H1961" someone|strong = "H0376"
 from|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1961" family|strong = "H4940"
 of|strong = "H7230" King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" w
 of|strong = "H7230" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w*. ²
 Several|strong = "H2669" years|strong = "H8141" later|strong = "H7093",
 he|strong = "H8141" went|strong = "H5927" down|strong = "H3381" w
 from|strong = "H3381" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*
 to|strong = "H3381" Samaria|strong = "H8111" to|strong = "H3381"
 visit|strong = "H6485" Ahab|strong = "H0256". Ahab|strong = "H0256"
 welcomed|strong = "H8085" him|strong = "H5973" and|strong = "H5971"
 the|strong = "H5927" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971"
 had|strong = "H5971" come|strong = "H5927" with|strong = "H5973"
 him|strong = "H5973" by|strong = "H8141" slaughtering|strong = "H5221"
 many|strong = "H7230" sheep|strong = "H6629" and|strong = "H5971"
 cattle|strong = "H1241" w for|strong = "H5971" w* w a|strong = "H5927" w*
 w feast|strong = "H2282" w*. ³ Then|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H3063"
 asked|strong = "H7592" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092",
 "Will|strong = "H4428" you|strong = "H5973" w and|strong = "H3063" w* w
 your|strong = "H3478" w* w army|strong = "H5971" w* go|strong = "H3212"
 with|strong = "H5973" my|strong = "H3478" army|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H3478" attack|strong = "H4421" Ramoth|strong = "H7433" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w* in|strong = "H3478" w the|strong = "H5973" w*
 Gilead|strong = "H1568" w region|strong = "H2256" w*?"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" replied|strong = "H0559",
 "My|strong = "H3478" soldiers|strong = "H4421" and|strong = "H3063"
 I|strong = "H3478" will|strong = "H4428" go|strong = "H3212"
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H5973" battle|strong = "H4421"
 when|strong = "H3644" you|strong = "H5973" tell|strong = "H5046"
 us|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" go|strong = "H3212"."⁴
 Then|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H3117" added|strong = "H3117",
 "But|strong = "H3068" we|strong = "H3117" should|strong = "H3068"
 ask|strong = "H1875" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" first|strong = "H3117",
 to|strong = "H3478" find|strong = "H4672" out|strong = "H1875"

what|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H3117" wants|strong = "H2656"
us|strong = "H4994" to|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H3068".

5So|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428"
of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478" gathered|strong = "H6908"
all|strong = "H6908" his|strong = "H5414" 400 prophets|strong = "H5030"
and|strong = "H3967" asked|strong = "H7592" them|strong = "H5414",
"Should|strong = "H3478" we|strong = "H0587" go|strong = "H3212"
to|strong = "H3478" attack|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H5414"
people|strong = "H6908" of|strong = "H4428" Ramoth|strong = "H7433" w
city|strong = "H5892" w*, or|strong = "H3027" should|strong = "H3478"
we|strong = "H0587" not|strong = "H2308" do|strong = "H3027"
that|strong = "H3478"?"

T hey|strong = "H3478" replied|strong = "H0559", "Yes|strong = "H3588",
go|strong = "H3212" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w
attack|strong = "H5927" w* w them|strong = "H5414" w*
because|strong = "H3027" God|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H4428"
enable|strong = "H7980" your|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H5927"
to|strong = "H3478" defeat|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414".

6But|strong = "H3068" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092"
asked|strong = "H1875", "Is|strong = "H3068" there|strong = "H3068"
no|strong = "H5030" prophet|strong = "H5030" of|strong = "H3068"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" here|strong = "H6311" whom|strong = "H0834"
we|strong = "H0587" can|strong = "H5750" ask|strong = "H1875"?"

7The|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121"
Israel|strong = "H3478" replied|strong = "H0559", "There|strong = "H3117"
is|strong = "H3068" still|strong = "H5750" one|strong = "H3605"
man|strong = "H1121" here|strong = "H3651", whom|strong = "H3588"
we|strong = "H3588" can|strong = "H7451" ask|strong = "H1875"
to|strong = "H3478" find|strong = "H4672" out|strong = "H5921"
what|strong = "H2896" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" wants|strong = "H2656",
his|strong = "H3605" name|strong = "H8034" is|strong = "H3068"
Micaiah|strong = "H4321", the|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Imlah|strong = "H3229". But|strong = "H3588"
I|strong = "H3588" hate|strong = "H8130" him|strong = "H5921"
because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" never|strong = "H3808"
says|strong = "H0559" anything|strong = "H3605" good|strong = "H2896"
about|strong = "H5921" me|strong = "H8130". He|strong = "H1931"
always|strong = "H3605" predicts w that|strong = "H3588" w*
bad|strong = "H7451" w things|strong = "H3605" w* w
will|strong = "H3068" w* w happen|strong = "H1961" w* w
to|strong = "H3478" w* w me|strong = "H8130" w*."

J ehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" replied|strong = "H0559",
 "King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256", you|strong = "H3588"
 should|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3588" say|strong = "H3478"
 that|strong = "H3588"!"

8So|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "H7121" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" told|strong = "H5046"
 one|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H7121"
 officials|strong = "H5631" to|strong = "H3478" summon|strong = "H7121"
 Micaiah|strong = "H4318" immediately|strong = "H4116".

9The|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 were|strong = "H3478" sitting|strong = "H3427" there|strong = "H3427"
 on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" thrones|strong = "H3678",
 wearing|strong = "H2296" their|strong = "H3605" royal|strong = "H4428"
 robes|strong = "H0899". They|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H3478"
 at|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" place|strong = "H1637"
 where|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3427" threshed|strong = "H1758"
 grain|strong = "H3605", near|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605"
 gate|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H4428" Samaria|strong = "H8111" w
 city|strong = "H8179" w*. All|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" w
 Ahab's|strong = "H0256" w* prophets|strong = "H5030"
 were|strong = "H3478" standing|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3427"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H5921",
 predicting|strong = "H3027" what|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3478"
 going|strong = "H1980" to|strong = "H3478" happen|strong = "H1961".

10w One|strong = "H1121" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 them|strong = "H6213" w* w whose|strong = "H1121" w* w
 name|strong = "H8034" w* w was|strong = "H3068" w*
 Zedekiah|strong = "H6667", the|strong = "H3541" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Kenaanah|strong = "H3668", had|strong = "H3068"
 made|strong = "H6213" from|strong = "H1121" iron|strong = "H1270"
 something|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3068"
 resembled|strong = "H1823" the|strong = "H3541" horns|strong = "H7161"
 of|strong = "H1121" a|strong = "H6213" bull|strong = "H1121".
 He|strong = "H5704" proclaimed|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H5704"
 Ahab|strong = "H0256", "This|strong = "H6213" is|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H6213" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" says|strong = "H3541":
 'With|strong = "H3068" horns|strong = "H7161" w like|strong = "H3541" w*
 w these|strong = "H6213" w*, your|strong = "H3068" w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* will|strong = "H3068" keep|strong = "H6213"
 attacking|strong = "H5221" the|strong = "H3541" army|strong = "H2428"

of|strong = "H1121" Syria|strong = "H0758" w like|strong = "H3541" w* w
a|strong = "H6213" w* w bull|strong = "H1121" w* w
attacks|strong = "H5221" w* w another|strong = "H0312" w* w
animal|strong = "H0929" w*, until|strong = "H5704" you|strong = "H5704"
completely|strong = "H3615" destroy|strong = "H3615"
them|strong = "H6213".” ¹¹ All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
other|strong = "H3605" prophets|strong = "H5030" w of|strong = "H4428" w*
w Ahab|strong = "H0256" w* agreed|strong = "H8085".
They|strong = "H3651" said|strong = "H3651", “Yes|strong = "H3651"!
If|strong = "H3651" you|strong = "H5414" attack|strong = "H5927"
Ramoth|strong = "H7433" w city|strong = "H5892" w* in|strong = "H3068" w
the|strong = "H3605" w* Gilead|strong = "H1568" w
region|strong = "H2256" w*, you|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H3068"
be|strong = "H3027" successful|strong = "H6743", because|strong = "H3651"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" enable|strong = "H7980"
you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068" defeat|strong = "H5414"
them|strong = "H5414".”

¹²The|strong = "H7121" messenger|strong = "H4397"
who|strong = "H5030" went|strong = "H1980" to|strong = "H1696"
summon|strong = "H7121" Micaiah|strong = "H4321" said|strong = "H1696"
to|strong = "H1696" him|strong = "H7121", “Listen|strong = "H2009"
to|strong = "H1696" me|strong = "H4994"! All|strong = "H1697"
the|strong = "H7121" other|strong = "H7121" prophets|strong = "H5030"
are|strong = "H1992" unitedly predicting|strong = "H3027"
that|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H7121" king|strong = "H4428"
will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" successful|strong = "H6743" w
in|strong = "H1980" w* w the|strong = "H7121" w* w
battle|strong = "H4421" w*. So|strong = "H1980" be|strong = "H1961"
sure|strong = "H0539" to|strong = "H1696" agree|strong = "H8085"
with|strong = "H1980" them|strong = "H1992" and|strong = "H1980"
say|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H7121"
king’s|strong = "H4428" army|strong = "H2428" will|strong = "H1961"
be|strong = "H1961" successful|strong = "H6743"!”

¹³But|strong = "H3588" Micaiah|strong = "H4321" said|strong = "H1696",
“As|strong = "H3068" surely|strong = "H3588" as|strong = "H3068"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" lives|strong = "H2416”, I|strong = "H3588"
will|strong = "H3068" tell|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H3588"
king|strong = "H4428" only|strong = "H3588" what|strong = "H1696"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" tells|strong = "H1696" me|strong = "H1696"
to|strong = "H1696" say|strong = "H1696".”

¹⁴When|strong = "H5927" Micaiah|strong = "H4318"
arrived|strong = "H0935”, the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428" w

of|strong = "H4428" w* w Israel|strong = "H4421" w* asked|strong = "H7592"
 him|strong = "H5414", "Should|strong = "H4428" we|strong = "H0587"
 go|strong = "H3212" to|strong = "H3212" attack|strong = "H5927"
 Ramoth|strong = "H7433", or|strong = "H3027" not|strong = "H2308"?"

M icaiah|strong = "H4318" replied|strong = "H0559",
 "Sure|strong = "H0539", go|strong = "H3212"! Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 will|strong = "H4428" enable|strong = "H7980" your|strong = "H5414"
 army|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3212" defeat|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414"!"

15But|strong = "H7535" King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" w
 realized|strong = "H3045" w* w that|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Micaiah|strong = "H4321" w* w was|strong = "H3068" w* w
 lying|strong = "H8267" w*, w so|strong = "H3808" w* w
 he|strong = "H5704" w* said|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 Micaiah|strong = "H4321", "I|strong = "H5704" have|strong = "H3068"
 told|strong = "H1696" you|strong = "H5704" many|strong = "H4100"
 times|strong = "H6471" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5704"
 must|strong = "H3808" always|strong = "H7535" tell|strong = "H1696"
 only|strong = "H7535" the|strong = "H3068" truth|strong = "H3808"
 when|strong = "H5704" you|strong = "H5704" say|strong = "H1696"
 what|strong = "H4100" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w has|strong = "H3068" w*
 w revealed|strong = "H1540" w* w to|strong = "H1696" w* w
 you|strong = "H5704" w*!"

16Then|strong = "H7725" Micaiah|strong = "H4321"
 replied|strong = "H0559", "w The|strong = "H3605" w* w
 truth|strong = "H3808" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w* w
 that|strong = "H7200" w* w in|strong = "H5921" w* w a|strong = "H7200" w*
 w vision|strong = "H7200" w* I|strong = "H5921" saw|strong = "H7200"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" troops|strong = "H1416"
 of|strong = "H1004" Israel|strong = "H3478" scattered|strong = "H6327"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" mountains|strong = "H2022".
 They|strong = "H3068" seemed|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H7725"
 be|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H1004" sheep|strong = "H6629"
 that|strong = "H7200" did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 have|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H7200" shepherd|strong = "H7462".
 And|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H0559",
 "Their|strong = "H3605" master|strong = "H0113" has|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H3808" killed|strong = "H2026". So|strong = "H3808"
 tell|strong = "H3605" them|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 to|strong = "H7725" go|strong = "H7725" home|strong = "H1004"
 peacefully|strong = "H7965"."

17 Ahab|strong = "H0256" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3478" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092", "I|strong = "H3588" told|strong = "H5046" you|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" never|strong = "H3808" predicts that|strong = "H3588" anything|strong = "H3808" good|strong = "H2896" will|strong = "H4428" happen|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H5921"! He|strong = "H3588" w always|strong = "H3605" w* predicts that|strong = "H3588" bad|strong = "H7451" things|strong = "H7451" will|strong = "H4428" happen|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H5921"."

18 But|strong = "H7200" Micaiah|strong = "H4321" continued|strong = "H3427", saying|strong = "H1697", "Listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1697" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" showed|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3068" me|strong = "H7200"! w In|strong = "H3427" w* w a|strong = "H7200" w* w vision|strong = "H7200" w* I|strong = "H5921" saw|strong = "H7200" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" sitting|strong = "H3427" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3605" throne|strong = "H3678", with|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" armies|strong = "H6635" of|strong = "H3068" heaven|strong = "H8064" w standing|strong = "H5975" w* w around|strong = "H5921" w* w him|strong = "H5921" w*, on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3605" right|strong = "H3225" side|strong = "H3225" and|strong = "H3068" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3605" left|strong = "H8040" side|strong = "H3225". ¹⁹ And|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H0559", 'Who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310" persuade|strong = "H6601" Ahab|strong = "H0256", the|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478", to|strong = "H3478" go|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3478" fight|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" Ramoth|strong = "H7433", in|strong = "H3478" order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" may|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" killed|strong = "H5307" there|strong = "H2088"?'"

" Some|strong = "H4480" suggested|strong = "H5414" one|strong = "H2088" thing|strong = "H2088", and|strong = "H3478" others|strong = "H0312" suggested|strong = "H5414" something|strong = "H1697" else|strong = "H5750"."

20 "Finally|strong = "H5704" one|strong = "H6601" spirit|strong = "H7307", w having|strong = "H0369" w* w received|strong = "H3947" w* w a|strong = "H3318" w* w message|strong = "H3068" w* w from|strong = "H3318" w* w Satan|strong = "H7854" w*,

came|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
and|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H3318", 'I|strong = "H4100"
can|strong = "H4100" do|strong = "H3068" it|strong = "H6440"!'

“ Yahweh|strong = "H3068" asked|strong = "H4100" him|strong = "H6440",
'How|strong = "H4100" will|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440"
do|strong = "H3068" it|strong = "H6440"?'

21“The|strong = "H3605" spirit|strong = "H7307" replied|strong = "H0559",
'I|strong = "H3651" will|strong = "H1961" go|strong = "H3318"
and|strong = "H6213" inspire all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H7307"
Ahab's|strong = "H0256" prophets|strong = "H5030" to|strong = "H3318"
tell|strong = "H3605" lies|strong = "H8267".' Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
said|strong = "H3651", 'You|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H1961"
be|strong = "H1961" successful|strong = "H6743"; go|strong = "H3318"
and|strong = "H6213" do|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H6213"!'

22“So|strong = "H5414" now|strong = "H6258" w I|strong = "H5414" w* w
tell|strong = "H1696" w* w you|strong = "H5414" w* w
that|strong = "H3068" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
caused|strong = "H5414" your|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030"
to|strong = "H1696" lie|strong = "H8267" to|strong = "H1696"
you|strong = "H5414". Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
decided|strong = "H3289" that|strong = "H3068" something|strong = "H1697"
terrible|strong = "H7451" will|strong = "H3068" happen|strong = "H1961"
to|strong = "H1696" you|strong = "H5414".”

23Then|strong = "H1696" Zedekiah|strong = "H6667"
son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Kenaanah|strong = "H3668"
walked|strong = "H1980" over|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1696"
Micaiah|strong = "H4321" and|strong = "H1121" slapped|strong = "H5221"
him|strong = "H5921" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3068"
face|strong = "H6440". He|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1696",
“Do|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5921" think|strong = "H2803"
that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" Spirit|strong = "H7307"
left|strong = "H5674" me|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921"
order|strong = "H4616" to|strong = "H1696" speak|strong = "H1696"
to|strong = "H1696" you|strong = "H5921"?”

24Micaiah|strong = "H4321" replied|strong = "H0559",
“You|strong = "H3117" will|strong = "H3117" find|strong = "H7200"
out|strong = "H7200" for|strong = "H3117" yourself|strong = "H0859" w
to|strong = "H3117" w* w which|strong = "H1931" w* w
of|strong = "H3117" w* w us|strong = "H7200" w* w

Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" w* w Spirit|strong = "H7307" w* w
 has|strong = "H3117" w* w truly|strong = "H3588" w* w
 spoken|strong = "H1696" w* on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H7200"
 day|strong = "H3117" when|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H3117"
 go|strong = "H1980" into|strong = "H7200" a|strong = "H7200"
 room|strong = "H2315" of|strong = "H3117" some|strong = "H3117"
 house|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3117" hide|strong = "H2244" w
 from|strong = "H3117" w* w the|strong = "H7200" w* w
 Syrian|strong = "H0761" w* w soldiers|strong = "H5650" w*!"

25King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" w his|strong = "H3947" w* w
 soldiers|strong = "H1121" w*, "Seize|strong = "H3947"
 Micaiah|strong = "H4321" and|strong = "H1121" take|strong = "H3947"
 him|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" Amon|strong = "H0526",
 the|strong = "H3947" governor|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H1121"
 this|strong = "H7725" city|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H7725" my|strong = "H3947" son|strong = "H1121"
 Joash|strong = "H3101". ²⁶ Tell|strong = "H5046" them|strong = "H7725"
 that|strong = "H4428" I|strong = "H5704" have|strong = "H7965"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" that|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H5704"
 should|strong = "H4428" put|strong = "H7760" this|strong = "H2088"
 man|strong = "H2088" in|strong = "H1004" prison|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H7725" give|strong = "H7760" him|strong = "H7725"
 only|strong = "H5704" bread|strong = "H3899" and|strong = "H7725"
 water|strong = "H4325". Do|strong = "H2088" not|strong = "H2088"
 give|strong = "H7760" him|strong = "H7725" anything|strong = "H3899"
 else|strong = "H5750" to|strong = "H5704" eat|strong = "H3899"
 until|strong = "H5704" I|strong = "H5704" return|strong = "H7725"
 safely|strong = "H7965" w from|strong = "H7725" w* w
 the|strong = "H3541" w* w battle|strong = "H4421" w*!"

27Micaiah|strong = "H4321" replied|strong = "H1696",
 "If|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H3605" return|strong = "H7725"
 safely|strong = "H7965", w it|strong = "H7725" w* w will|strong = "H3068" w*
 w be|strong = "H3808" w* w clear|strong = "H3605" w* w
 that|strong = "H5971" w* it|strong = "H7725" was|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H3605"
 told|strong = "H1696" me|strong = "H7725" what|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H1696" say|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 you|strong = "H3605"!" Then|strong = "H1696" he|strong = "H3068"
 said|strong = "H1696" w to|strong = "H1696" w* w all|strong = "H3605" w* w
 those|strong = "H3605" w* w who|strong = "H3605" w* w
 were|strong = "H5971" w* w standing|strong = "H5975" w* w
 there|strong = "H7965" w*, "Do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"

forget|strong = "H7911" what|strong = "H8085" I|strong = "H3808"
 have|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1696" w to|strong = "H1696" w* w
 King|strong = "H4428" w* w Ahab|strong = "H0256" w*!"
 Ahab|strong = "H0256" died|strong = "H4191" in|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" battle|strong = "H4421" at|strong = "H3068"
 Ramoth-Gilead|strong = "H7433"

28So|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H5927" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3063"
 the|strong = "H5927" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w led|strong = "H1980" w* w
 their|strong = "H5927" w* w armies|strong = "H6635" w* to|strong = "H3478"
 Ramoth|strong = "H7433", in|strong = "H3478" w the|strong = "H5927" w*
 Gilead|strong = "H1568" w region|strong = "H2256" w*. 29
 King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H3478" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092", "I|strong = "H3478"
 will|strong = "H4428" put|strong = "H3847" on|strong = "H3847"
 different|strong = "H8133" clothes|strong = "H3847", w
 in|strong = "H3478" w* w order|strong = "H4616" w* w
 that|strong = "H3478" w* w no|strong = "H3478" w* w
 one|strong = "H4428" w* w will|strong = "H4428" w* w
 recognize|strong = "H5234" w* w that|strong = "H3478" w* w
 I|strong = "H3478" w* w am|strong = "H1961" w* w the|strong = "H3092" w*
 w king|strong = "H4428" w*. But|strong = "H4428" you|strong = "H3847"
 should|strong = "H3478" wear|strong = "H3847" your|strong = "H3478"
 royal|strong = "H4428" robe|strong = "H4598". So|strong = "H3651"
 the|strong = "H3092" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" disguised|strong = "H2664"
 himself|strong = "H5315", and|strong = "H3478" they|strong = "H3478"
 both|strong = "H4421" went|strong = "H3478" into|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3092" battle|strong = "H4421".

30The|strong = "H3588" King|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Syria|strong = "H0758" told|strong = "H6680" his|strong = "H6680"
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H3478" were|strong = "H3478"
 driving|strong = "H4491" the|strong = "H3588" chariots|strong = "H7393",
 "Attack|strong = "H3898" only|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478"!" 31
 So|strong = "H4480" when|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921"
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" who|strong = "H1931" were|strong = "H3478"
 driving|strong = "H4491" the|strong = "H5921" Syrian|strong = "H0761"
 chariots|strong = "H7393" saw|strong = "H7200"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" w wearing|strong = "H2296" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w royal|strong = "H4428" w* w
 robes|strong = "H0899" w*, they|strong = "H1992" thought|strong = "H0559"

“He|strong = ”H1931” must|strong = ”H3478” be|strong = ”H1961”
 the|strong = ”H5921” king|strong = ”H4428” of|strong = ”H4428”
 Israel|strong = ”H3478”!” ³² So|strong = ”H1961” they|strong = ”H3588”
 turned|strong = ”H7725” to|strong = ”H7725” attack|strong = ”H5221”
 him|strong = ”H7725”. But|strong = ”H3588” when|strong = ”H3588”
 Jehoshaphat|strong = ”H3092” cried|strong = ”H3478” out|strong = ”H7200”,
 Yahweh|strong = ”H3068” helped|strong = ”H5826” him|strong = ”H7725”,
 and|strong = ”H3478” they|strong = ”H3588” realized|strong = ”H7200”
 that|strong = ”H3588” he|strong = ”H3588” was|strong = ”H1961”
 not|strong = ”H3808” the|strong = ”H7200” king|strong = ”H4428”
 of|strong = ”H4428” Israel|strong = ”H3478”. And|strong = ”H3478”
 God|strong = ”H3808” caused|strong = ”H1961” them|strong = ”H7725”
 to|strong = ”H7725” stop|strong = ”H3808” pursuing|strong = ”H7291”
 him|strong = ”H7725”.

33But|strong = ”H3588” one|strong = ”H4480” w
 Syrian|strong = ”H0761”w* soldier|strong = ”H6635” shot|strong = ”H4900”
 an|strong = ”H5221” arrow|strong = ”H2671” at|strong = ”H3478”
 Ahab|strong = ”H0256”, without|strong = ”H4480” knowing|strong = ”H3045”
 that|strong = ”H3588” it|strong = ”H3588” was|strong = ”H3478”
 Ahab|strong = ”H0256”. The|strong = ”H3588” arrow|strong = ”H2671”
 struck|strong = ”H5221” Ahab|strong = ”H0256” between|strong = ”H4480”
 the|strong = ”H3588” places|strong = ”H3027” where|strong = ”H3027”
 the|strong = ”H3588” parts|strong = ”H3027” of|strong = ”H4428”
 his|strong = ”H5221” armor|strong = ”H8302” joined|strong = ”H2266”
 together|strong = ”H5221”. Ahab|strong = ”H0256” told|strong = ”H5046”
 the|strong = ”H3588” driver|strong = ”H7395” of|strong = ”H4428”
 his|strong = ”H5221” chariot|strong = ”H7395”, “Turn|strong = ”H2015”
 the|strong = ”H3588” chariot|strong = ”H7395” around|strong = ”H3027”
 and|strong = ”H3478” take|strong = ”H3318” me|strong = ”H4480”
 out|strong = ”H3318” of|strong = ”H4428” here|strong = ”H3318”!
 I|strong = ”H3588” have|strong = ”H3478” been|strong = ”H2470” w
 severely|strong = ”H2470”w* wounded|strong = ”H5221”!” ³⁴
 The|strong = ”H3117” battle|strong = ”H4421” continued|strong = ”H1961”
 all|strong = ”H5704” that|strong = ”H3117” day|strong = ”H3117”.
 Ahab|strong = ”H0256” was|strong = ”H1961” sitting|strong = ”H3427”
 propped|strong = ”H5975” up|strong = ”H5927” in|strong = ”H3478”
 his|strong = ”H3478” chariot|strong = ”H4818”, facing|strong = ”H6437”
 the|strong = ”H3117” Syrian|strong = ”H0761” soldiers|strong = ”H4421”.
 And|strong = ”H3478” late|strong = ”H0309” in|strong = ”H3478”
 the|strong = ”H3117” afternoon|strong = ”H3117”, when|strong = ”H1961”
 the|strong = ”H3117” sun|strong = ”H8121” was|strong = ”H1961”
 setting|strong = ”H5414”, he|strong = ”H1931” died|strong = ”H4191”.

19When|strong = "H7725" King|strong = "H4428"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" was|strong = "H4428"
 returning|strong = "H7725" safely|strong = "H7965" to|strong = "H7725"
 his|strong = "H7725" palace|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H1004"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", ² the|strong = "H6440"
 prophet|strong = "H2374" Jehu|strong = "H3058", the|strong = "H6440"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
 prophet|strong = "H2374" w* Hanani|strong = "H2607",
 went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H6440" city|strong = "H5892" to|strong = "H3318"
 meet|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428",
 and|strong = "H1121" said|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318"
 him|strong = "H6440", "It|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3318" right|strong = "H3068" for|strong = "H5921"
 you|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H3318" help|strong = "H5826"
 a|strong = "H3318" wicked|strong = "H7563" man|strong = "H7563"
 and|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3318" love|strong = "H0157"
 those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H3068" hate|strong = "H8130"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". Because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H1121"
 what|strong = "H2063" you|strong = "H6440" have|strong = "H3068"
 done|strong = "H6213", Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068"
 angry|strong = "H7110" with|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440". ³
 But|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H4672"
 done|strong = "H1697" some|strong = "H4480" good|strong = "H2896"
 things|strong = "H1697"; you|strong = "H3588" got|strong = "H6965"
 rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H3588"
 poles|strong = "H0905" in|strong = "H4672" this|strong = "H1697"
 country|strong = "H2022" for|strong = "H3588" w
 worshiping|strong = "H7812" w* w the|strong = "H3588" w* w
 goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842",
 and|strong = "H1697" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H4672"
 strongly|strong = "H3966" determined|strong = "H3559" to|strong = "H1697"
 do|strong = "H1697" what|strong = "H1697" pleases|strong = "H2896"
 God|strong = "H0430".
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" appointed|strong = "H3559"
 men|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H1697" settle|strong = "H3427"
 disputes|strong = "H1697"

4Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" lived|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". But|strong = "H7725" w
 one|strong = "H3068" w* w time|strong = "H3318" w*, like|strong = "H3318"
 he|strong = "H5704" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213"
 once|strong = "H7725" previously|strong = "H8543", he|strong = "H5704"
 went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" among|strong = "H3427"
 all|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971"

in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3068" country|strong = "H2022",
 from|strong = "H7725" Beersheba|strong = "H0884" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w* w in|strong = "H3427" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w*
 w far|strong = "H5704" w* w south|strong = "H5045" w* to|strong = "H5704"
 the|strong = "H3068" hilly area|strong = "H2022" of|strong = "H3068" w
 the|strong = "H3068" w* w tribe|strong = "H4294" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* Ephraim|strong = "H0669" w in|strong = "H3427" w*
 w the|strong = "H3068" w* w far|strong = "H5704" w* w
 north|strong = "H6828" w*, and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H5704"
 convinced|strong = "H6484" them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704"
 return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704" w
 worshipping|strong = "H7812" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H5971"
 their|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. ⁵ He|strong = "H3605"
 appointed|strong = "H5975" judges|strong = "H8199"
 throughout|strong = "H3605" Judah|strong = "H3063", in|strong = "H5892"
 each|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605"
 cities|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3063"
 walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5439" them|strong = "H5975". ⁶
 He|strong = "H3588" told|strong = "H1697" them|strong = "H6213",
 "Make|strong = "H6213" your|strong = "H3068" decisions|strong = "H4941"
 carefully|strong = "H6213", because|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H4100" judging|strong = "H8199" cases|strong = "H1697"
 not|strong = "H3808" w in|strong = "H3068" w* w order|strong = "H4941" w*
 to|strong = "H3068" w please|strong = "H4994" w* people|strong = "H3808"
 but|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H3068" w please|strong = "H4994" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". And|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3808" watching|strong = "H8245"
 you|strong = "H3588" whenever|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 make|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213" decision|strong = "H4941". ⁷
 So|strong = "H6213" now|strong = "H6258" revere|strong = "H3372"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068" judge|strong = "H6213"
 cases|strong = "H1697" carefully|strong = "H6213", w
 and|strong = "H3068" w* w do|strong = "H6213" w* w
 not|strong = "H6213" w* w forget|strong = "H7911" w* w
 that|strong = "H3588" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" never|strong = "H3808" acts|strong = "H6213"
 unjustly|strong = "H5766", and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3588"
 never|strong = "H3808" does|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H6213"
 people|strong = "H5971" want|strong = "H4270" because|strong = "H3588"
 of|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3068" offering|strong = "H3068"
 him|strong = "H6440" money|strong = "H3701"; he|strong = "H3588"
 never|strong = "H3808" accepts|strong = "H3947" bribes|strong = "H7810".

8 In|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" also|strong = "H1571",
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" appointed|strong = "H5975"
 some|strong = "H4480" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3478"
 other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3068"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" and|strong = "H3478" some|strong = "H4480"
 leaders|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H3068" Israeli
 families|strong = "H4940" w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 be|strong = "H3068" w* w judges|strong = "H8199" w*. He|strong = "H3068"
 told|strong = "H5046" them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 do|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1571" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068"
 laws|strong = "H8451" said|strong = "H0559" was|strong = "H3068"
 right|strong = "H4941" when|strong = "H7725" they|strong = "H3068"
 settled|strong = "H5975" disputes|strong = "H7379". Those|strong = "H4480"
 men|strong = "H7218" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3478"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ⁹ He|strong = "H6213" told|strong = "H6680"
 them|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H6213": "You|strong = "H6680"
 must|strong = "H4191" always|strong = "H3605" do|strong = "H6213"
 your|strong = "H3068" work|strong = "H6213" faithfully|strong = "H0571",
 revering Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ¹⁰ In|strong = "H3427"
 every|strong = "H3605" dispute|strong = "H7379" that|strong = "H3605"
 your|strong = "H3068" fellow|strong = "H7453" Israelis
 who|strong = "H3605" live|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" want|strong = "H3808"
 you|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3068" settle|strong = "H3427",
 you|strong = "H3605" must|strong = "H1818" warn|strong = "H2094"
 them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
 sin|strong = "H2403" against|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w
 by|strong = "H5921" w* w telling|strong = "H1696" w* w
 lies|strong = "H1961" w* w during|strong = "H1961" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w trial|strong = "H4941" w*. If|strong = "H1961"
 you|strong = "H3605" do|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808"
 warn|strong = "H2094" them|strong = "H5921", God|strong = "H3068"
 will|strong = "H3068" punish|strong = "H6213" both|strong = "H3605"
 you|strong = "H3605" and|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068"
 fellow|strong = "H7453" Israelis. If|strong = "H1961" you|strong = "H3605"
 warn|strong = "H2094" them|strong = "H5921", you|strong = "H3605"
 will|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H1961"
 sinning|strong = "H2398". You|strong = "H3605" must|strong = "H1818"
 warn|strong = "H2094" them|strong = "H5921" whether|strong = "H0518" w
 someone|strong = "H0376" w* w has|strong = "H3068" w* w
 accused|strong = "H7170" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w*
 of|strong = "H3068" murdering someone|strong = "H0376",
 or|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H3068" disobeying some|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" law|strong = "H8451" or|strong = "H3808"
 command|strong = "H4687" or|strong = "H3808" decree|strong = "H2706" w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*.

11 Amariah the Supreme Priest will supervise you in any matter that is concerned and son of the tribe of Judah will supervise you in any matter that I am responsible for. And the descendants of Levi will assist you courageously, and I will pray that Yahweh will help those who do their work well."

Jehoshaphat's army defeated armies from Moab and Ammon

20 Later w armies w from Moab and Ammon soldiers from Meun w area w Edom w fight w Jehoshaphat's w army w.

2 Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A huge army is coming to attack your army. They are coming from the w region eastern side of the Dead Sea. They have already come to Hazazon-Tamar!" Another

name|strong = "H8034" for|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H1931"
 place|strong = "H3220" is|strong = "H1931" En-Gedi|strong = "H5872". ³
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" became|strong = "H3372"
 very|strong = "H3966" afraid|strong = "H3372", so|strong = "H7121"
 he|strong = "H3068" decided|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H3068"
 ask|strong = "H1875" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w what|strong = "H3372" w*
 w he|strong = "H3068" w* w should|strong = "H3068" w* w
 do|strong = "H3068" w*. He|strong = "H3068" also|strong = "H3068"
 proclaimed|strong = "H7121" that|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" should|strong = "H3068"
 fast|strong = "H6685". ⁴ The|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1571"
 of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063" gathered|strong = "H6908"
 together|strong = "H6908" to|strong = "H3068" request|strong = "H1245"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" help|strong = "H5826"
 them|strong = "H3068". They|strong = "H3068" came|strong = "H3068" w
 to|strong = "H3068" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*
 from|strong = "H3068" every|strong = "H3605" town|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3068"
 seek|strong = "H1245" help|strong = "H5826" from|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068".

⁵Then|strong = "H5975" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092"
 stood|strong = "H5975" up|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3068"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1004" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 in|strong = "H3068" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H6440" new|strong = "H2319" courtyard|strong = "H2691"
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1004", ⁶
 and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H1931" prayed|strong = "H6419"
 this|strong = "H1931":

“ Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" our|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 belonged|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3068", you|strong = "H3605"
 are|strong = "H1471" surely|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605"
 God|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H3605" w rules|strong = "H4910" w* w
 from|strong = "H3027" w* heaven|strong = "H8064". You|strong = "H3605"
 rule|strong = "H4910" over|strong = "H3027" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" kingdoms|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471". You|strong = "H3605"
 have|strong = "H3068" great|strong = "H1419" power|strong = "H3027",
 and|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3605"
 can|strong = "H3808" successfully|strong = "H6743" oppose|strong = "H7853"
 you|strong = "H3605". ⁷ Our|strong = "H5414" God|strong = "H5414",

you|strong = "H5414" expelled|strong = "H3423" the|strong = "H6440"
 people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971" lived|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" this|strong = "H2063" land|strong = "H6440"
 while|strong = "H3427" your|strong = "H5414" Israeli
 people|strong = "H5971" advanced|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H3478"
 you|strong = "H5414" certainly|strong = "H3808" gave|strong = "H5414"
 it|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3478" us|strong = "H5414"
 who|strong = "H5971" are|strong = "H5971" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H3427" your|strong = "H5414" friend|strong = "H7453"
 Abraham|strong = "H0085", to|strong = "H3478" belong|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H3478" us|strong = "H5414" forever|strong = "H5769". ⁸
 We|strong = "H8034" have|strong = "H1129" lived|strong = "H3427"
 here|strong = "H6311" and|strong = "H3427" have|strong = "H1129"
 built|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H1129" temple|strong = "H4720"
 where|strong = "H1129" we|strong = "H8034", your|strong = "H1129"
 people|strong = "H3427", worship|strong = "H7812" you|strong = "H1129".
 We|strong = "H8034" said|strong = "H0559", ⁹ 'If we|strong = "H3588"
 experience|strong = "H7200" disasters|strong = "H7451",
 either|strong = "H2088" from|strong = "H6440" our|strong = "H5921"
 enemies|strong = "H0341" attacking|strong = "H5221" us|strong = "H5921"
 or|strong = "H8085" from|strong = "H6440" you|strong = "H3588"
 punishing|strong = "H7725" us|strong = "H5921", or|strong = "H8085"
 if|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" experience|strong = "H7200"
 a|strong = "H3588" plague|strong = "H1698" or|strong = "H8085"
 a|strong = "H3588" famine|strong = "H7458", we|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H2719" stand|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H5921"
 your|strong = "H5921" presence|strong = "H6440" in|strong = "H5921"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004" this|strong = "H2088"
 temple|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H2088"
 built|strong = "H1129" to|strong = "H5921" honor|strong = "H8034"
 you|strong = "H3588", and|strong = "H1004" we|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H2719" cry|strong = "H2199" out|strong = "H2199"
 to|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H3588" when|strong = "H3588"
 we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1004"
 distressed|strong = "H6887"/suffering|strong = "H6040",
 and|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H2719"
 hear|strong = "H8085" us|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H1004"
 will|strong = "H2719" rescue|strong = "H3467" us|strong = "H5921".

10You|strong = "H3588" would|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 allow|strong = "H5414" our|strong = "H5414" Israeli
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" to|strong = "H3478" enter|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H5921" countries|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "H1121"
 Ammon|strong = "H5983" and|strong = "H1121" Moab|strong = "H4124"
 and|strong = "H1121" Edom|strong = "H0112" when|strong = "H3588"

they|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3478" traveling|strong = "H1980"
 from|strong = "H5493" Egypt|strong = "H4714" w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 Canaan|strong = "H3667" w*. So|strong = "H5414" our|strong = "H5414"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" turned|strong = "H5493" away|strong = "H5493"
 from|strong = "H5493" those|strong = "H5921" areas|strong = "H0776"
 and|strong = "H1121" did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 attack|strong = "H4124" the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H1121"
 there|strong = "H2009" and|strong = "H1121" did|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H3808" destroy|strong = "H8045" them|strong = "H5414".
 But|strong = "H3588" now|strong = "H6258" they|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H1121" coming|strong = "H2009" here|strong = "H2009" w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w attack|strong = "H4124" w* w
 us|strong = "H5414" w*. ¹¹ w We|strong = "H2009" w* w
 did|strong = "H1580" w* w not|strong = "H3808" w* w
 destroy|strong = "H3423" w* w them|strong = "H1992" w*. w
 But|strong = "H2009" w* w now|strong = "H2009" w* look|strong = "H2009"
 at|strong = "H5921" how|strong = "H2009" they|strong = "H1992"
 are|strong = "H1992" repaying us|strong = "H5921" by|strong = "H5921"
 trying|strong = "H1156" to|strong = "H5921" expel|strong = "H3423"
 us|strong = "H5921" from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 land|strong = "H0776" that|strong = "H1992" you|strong = "H5921"
 gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" our|strong = "H5921"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" to|strong = "H5921" belong|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H1992" w and|strong = "H3423" w* w
 their|strong = "H1992" w* w descendants|strong = "H2233" w* w
 forever|strong = "H5769" w* ¹² So|strong = "H6213", our|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3808", please|strong = "H4994" punish|strong = "H6213"
 them|strong = "H5921", because|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588"
 do|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H5869"
 enough|strong = "H7227" power|strong = "H3581" to|strong = "H6213"
 resist|strong = "H2388"/defeat|strong = "H5221" this|strong = "H2088"
 huge|strong = "H1995" army|strong = "H1995" that|strong = "H3588"
 is|strong = "H2088" coming|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H6213"
 attack|strong = "H5221" us|strong = "H5921". We|strong = "H3588"
 do|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" know|strong = "H3045"
 what|strong = "H4100" to|strong = "H6213" do|strong = "H6213".
 But|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H5869"
 pleading|strong = "H1696" for|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 to|strong = "H6213" help|strong = "H6213" us|strong = "H5921".

13All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121"
 their|strong = "H3605" wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H1121"
 children|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" babies|strong = "H3245"
 were|strong = "H1121" standing|strong = "H5975" there|strong = "H5975"

in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" presence|strong = "H6440"
of|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w while|strong = "H5975" w*
w Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" w* w prayed|strong = "H6419" w*.

14Then|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921" Spirit|strong = "H7307"
of|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" came|strong = "H1961"
upon|strong = "H5921" Jahaziel|strong = "H3166", who|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Zechariah|strong = "H2148", who|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Benaiah|strong = "H1141", who|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Jeiel|strong = "H3273", who|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Mattaniah|strong = "H4983". He|strong = "H3068"
was|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H1961" descendant|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" and|strong = "H1121"
a|strong = "H1961" descendant|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
Asaph|strong = "H0623". He|strong = "H3068" stood|strong = "H3068"
up|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921" front|strong = "H6440"
of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" whole|strong = "H3605"
group|strong = "H7235" that|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068"
gathered|strong = "H6951" there|strong = "H1961", ¹⁵ and|strong = "H3063"
said|strong = "H0559", "King|strong = "H4428"
Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605"
you|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H3605" live|strong = "H3427"
in|strong = "H3427" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063"
in|strong = "H3427" other|strong = "H2088" places|strong = "H3605"
in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063", listen|strong = "H7181"!
This|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H2088"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" says|strong = "H3541" to|strong = "H3068"
you|strong = "H3588": 'Do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
be|strong = "H3808" afraid|strong = "H3372" or|strong = "H3808"
discouraged|strong = "H2865" because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H4428"
this|strong = "H2088" huge|strong = "H1995" army|strong = "H3427" w
that|strong = "H3588" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w* w
coming|strong = "H0935" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
attack|strong = "H4421" w* w you|strong = "H3588" w*,
because|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"
not|strong = "H3808" you|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H3605" w
will|strong = "H3068" w* w win|strong = "H6743" w* this|strong = "H2088"
battle|strong = "H4421". It|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"
God|strong = "H3068" w who|strong = "H3605" w* w
will|strong = "H3068" w* w win|strong = "H6743" w* w
it|strong = "H3588" w*. ¹⁶ Tomorrow|strong = "H4279"

march|strong = "H1980" down|strong = "H3381" toward|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5921". They|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H5158"
 be|strong = "H6440" climbing|strong = "H1801" up|strong = "H5927"
 through|strong = "H5921" Ziz|strong = "H6732" Pass|strong = "H5674" w
 north|strong = "H6828" w* w of|strong = "H6440" w* w
 En-Gedi|strong = "H5872" w*. You|strong = "H6440" will|strong = "H5158"
 meet|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H5921" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H6440" end|strong = "H5490" of|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" gorge near|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440"
 Jeruel|strong = "H3385" Desert|strong = "H4057". ¹⁷ But|strong = "H3808"
 you|strong = "H6440" will|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808"
 need|strong = "H4270" to|strong = "H3318" fight|strong = "H3898"
 this|strong = "H2063" battle|strong = "H3898". You|strong = "H6440"
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H3318"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H2063"
 places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 just|strong = "H5975" take|strong = "H3320" your|strong = "H3068"
 positions|strong = "H7896", and|strong = "H3063" then|strong = "H3318"
 stand|strong = "H5975" still|strong = "H5975" and|strong = "H3063"
 watch|strong = "H7200" w what|strong = "H3372" w* w
 will|strong = "H3068" w* w happen|strong = "H1961" w*.
 You|strong = "H6440" will|strong = "H3068" see|strong = "H7200"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" rescue|strong = "H5337" you|strong = "H6440".
 Do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808"
 afraid|strong = "H3372" or|strong = "H3808" discouraged|strong = "H2865".
 March|strong = "H3318" toward|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H6440"
 tomorrow|strong = "H4279", and|strong = "H3063" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3808" with|strong = "H5973"
 you|strong = "H6440"."

¹⁸ Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" prostrated|strong = "H7812"
 himself|strong = "H7812" with|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3605"
 face|strong = "H6440" touching|strong = "H5060" the|strong = "H3605"
 ground|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H3068"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H3605"
 places|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063" w
 who|strong = "H3605" w* w were|strong = "H3063" w* w
 there|strong = "H3427" w* w knelt|strong = "H5307" down|strong = "H5307"
 to|strong = "H3068" worship|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".
¹⁹ Then|strong = "H6965" some|strong = "H4480"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3478" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" both|strong = "H4480" Kohath|strong = "H6955"
 and|strong = "H1121" Korah|strong = "H7145" stood|strong = "H6965"

up|strong = "H6965" and|strong = "H1121" loudly|strong = "H6963"
 praised|strong = "H1984" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3068" Israelis
 w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w*.

20Early|strong = "H7925" the|strong = "H8085" next|strong = "H4283"
 morning|strong = "H1242" the|strong = "H8085" army|strong = "H3427"
 left|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" go|strong = "H3318"
 to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H8085" desert|strong = "H4057"
 near|strong = "H5975" Tekoa|strong = "H8620" w town|strong = "H7151" w*.
 While|strong = "H8085" they|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3063"
 leaving|strong = "H3318", Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092"
 stood|strong = "H5975" up|strong = "H5975" and|strong = "H3063"
 said|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H8085"
 people|strong = "H3427", "You|strong = "H3318" people|strong = "H3427"
 of|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063"
 other|strong = "H0312" places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H3427"
 Judah|strong = "H3063", listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3318"
 me|strong = "H3318"! Trust|strong = "H0982" in|strong = "H3427"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068";
 if|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H3318" do|strong = "H3068"
 that|strong = "H8085", you|strong = "H3318" will|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" strong|strong = "H2388". Trust|strong = "H0982"
 in|strong = "H3427" w what|strong = "H8085" w* his|strong = "H3068"
 prophets|strong = "H5030" w have|strong = "H3068" w* w
 said|strong = "H8085" w*; if|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H3318"
 do|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H8085", you|strong = "H3318"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" successful|strong = "H6743".²¹
 Then|strong = "H3318", after|strong = "H3588" consulting|strong = "H7592"
 with|strong = "H3068" some|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H5971", he|strong = "H3588"
 appointed|strong = "H5975" some|strong = "H5971" men|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H3318" go|strong = "H3318" in|strong = "H3068"
 front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440"
 army|strong = "H5971", singing|strong = "H7891" to|strong = "H3318"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3068" praising|strong = "H1984"
 him|strong = "H6440" because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3068" being|strong = "H5971" holy|strong = "H6944"
 and|strong = "H3068" wonderful|strong = "H6381". They|strong = "H3588"
 were|strong = "H5971" singing|strong = "H7891",

“ Thank|strong = "H3034" Yahweh|strong = "H3068”,

b ecause|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" faithfully|strong = "H2617"
 loves|strong = "H0157" us|strong = "H6440" forever|strong = "H5769”.

22When|strong = "H6256" they|strong = "H3068" began|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H3068" sing|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H1121" praise|strong = "H8416" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", Yahweh|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H5921" Ammon|strong = "H5983" and|strong = "H1121" Moab|strong = "H4124" and|strong = "H1121" Edom|strong = "H0112" who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1121" invading Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3068" panic|strong = "H2865", with|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1121" defeated|strong = "H5062". ²³ The|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H5921" Ammon|strong = "H5983" and|strong = "H1121" Moab|strong = "H4124" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H5921" fight|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H5921" Edom|strong = "H0112", and|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H5921" completely|strong = "H3615" annihilated|strong = "H2763" the|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H5921" Edom|strong = "H0112". After|strong = "H5921" they|strong = "H5921" finished|strong = "H3615" slaughtering|strong = "H5221" the|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H5921" Edom|strong = "H0112", they|strong = "H5921" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H5921" attack|strong = "H4124" each|strong = "H0376" other|strong = "H7453".

24When|strong = "H5307" the|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063" came|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" place|strong = "H4725" where|strong = "H5921" they|strong = "H5921" could|strong = "H3201" look|strong = "H2005" down|strong = "H5307" over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" desert|strong = "H4057", they|strong = "H5921" looked|strong = "H6437" toward|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H5307" huge|strong = "H1995" army|strong = "H1995" w of|strong = "H4057" w* w their|strong = "H5921" w* w enemies|strong = "H0341" w*, and|strong = "H3063" they|strong = "H5921" saw|strong = "H3063" only|strong = "H5307" corpses|strong = "H6297" lying|strong = "H5307" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" ground|strong = "H0776". No|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H0259" had|strong = "H3063" survived|strong = "H7604".

25So|strong = "H1961" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" and|strong = "H3117" his|strong = "H1961" soldiers|strong = "H5971" went|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H1961" take|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3588" possessions|strong = "H7399" of|strong = "H3117" their|strong = "H3588" enemies|strong = "H0341", and|strong = "H3117"

they|strong = "H3588" saw|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3588"
 there|strong = "H1961" was|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
 lot|strong = "H1486" of|strong = "H3117" equipment|strong = "H3627"
 and|strong = "H3117" clothing|strong = "H6297" and|strong = "H3117"
 other|strong = "H0312" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H7969";
 there|strong = "H1961" was|strong = "H1961" more|strong = "H7227"
 than|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" could|strong = "H5337"
 carry|strong = "H4853" away|strong = "H5337". There|strong = "H1961"
 were|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H7227" many|strong = "H7227"
 things|strong = "H7969", with|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3588"
 result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H1931"
 took|strong = "H1961" three|strong = "H7969" days|strong = "H3117"
 for|strong = "H3588" them|strong = "H4672" to|strong = "H1961"
 collect|strong = "H3063" it|strong = "H1931" all|strong = "H5337". ²⁶
 The|strong = "H5921" following|strong = "H0310" day|strong = "H3117"
 they|strong = "H3588" gathered|strong = "H6950" in|strong = "H5921"
 Beracah|strong = "H1294" Valley|strong = "H6010" and|strong = "H3068"
 praised|strong = "H1288" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" there|strong = "H8033".
 That|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068" why|strong = "H5921"
 that|strong = "H3588" valley|strong = "H6010" is|strong = "H3068"
 still|strong = "H1288" called|strong = "H7121" Beracah|strong = "H1294", w
 which|strong = "H1931" w* w means|strong = "H3651" w* w
 praise|strong = "H1288" w*.

²⁷Then|strong = "H7725" while|strong = "H3588"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" led|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H7725",
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H5650"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3063" from|strong = "H7725"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H3605"
 places|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
 They|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3063" happy|strong = "H8055"
 because|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 enabled|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 defeat|strong = "H5221" their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H3389".
²⁸ When|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" arrived|strong = "H0935"
 at|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", they|strong = "H3068"
 went|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004", w playing|strong = "H5059" w*
 harps|strong = "H3658" and|strong = "H3068" lutes and|strong = "H3068"
 trumpets|strong = "H2689".

²⁹People|strong = "H8085" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 kingdoms|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 nearby|strong = "H7138" countries|strong = "H0776"

became|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H3966" afraid|strong = "H6343"
 when|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" heard|strong = "H8085"
 how|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 fought|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 enemies|strong = "H0341" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" Israelis.

³⁰ Then|strong = "H0227" there|strong = "H8033" was|strong = "H4438"
 peace|strong = "H8252" in|strong = "H5117" the|strong = "H5439"
 kingdom|strong = "H4438" that|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H4438"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" by|strong = "H4438" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092",
 because|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0430" had|strong = "H8252"
 caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5439" surrounding|strong = "H5439"
 nations|strong = "H1471" not|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H5117"
 attack|strong = "H5221" it|strong = "H5117".

The|strong = "H5439" final|strong = "H0319" years|strong = "H8141"
 that|strong = "H0834" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" ruled|strong = "H4427"

31 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" continued|strong = "H5674"
 to|strong = "H5921" rule|strong = "H4427" Judah|strong = "H3063".
 He|strong = "H2568" was|strong = "H8034" 35 years|strong = "H8141"
 old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H2568"
 became|strong = "H4427" king|strong = "H4427" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H2568"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H5921" 25 years|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H5921"
 mother's|strong = "H0517" name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H8034"
 Azubah|strong = "H5806", the|strong = "H5921" daughter|strong = "H1323"
 of|strong = "H1121" Shilhi|strong = "H7977". ³² He|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H3808" that|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H5869" pleasing|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", like|strong = "H1870" his|strong = "H3068"
 father|strong = "H0001" Asa|strong = "H0609" had|strong = "H3068"
 done|strong = "H6213", and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" stop|strong = "H5493"
 doing|strong = "H6213" those|strong = "H4480" things|strong = "H3808". ³³

But|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H3808" did|strong = "H5971"
 not|strong = "H3808" get|strong = "H3559" rid|strong = "H5337"
 of|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H5493" shrines|strong = "H1354"
 on|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H5493" hilltops, and|strong = "H5971"
 many|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H5493"
 people|strong = "H5971" still|strong = "H5750" did|strong = "H5971"
 not|strong = "H3808" faithfully|strong = "H0571" do|strong = "H5493"
 what|strong = "H3559" the|strong = "H5493" God|strong = "H3808"
 whom|strong = "H5971" their|strong = "H3559" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 belonged|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3824" wanted|strong = "H3824".

34A record of the other things that Jehoshaphat did while he ruled, from when he began to rule until he died, is written by w the w prophet son of Jehu, the son of Hanani. They are in the scroll of the "The History of the Kings of Israel" of his reign, Jehoshaphat made a treaty with Ahaziah, the king of Israel, who was a very wicked king. ³⁶ They agreed that they would build a fleet of ships to use to buy and sell w things w with other w countries. After those ships were built at Ezion-Geber w of Gulf w of Aqaba, ³⁷ Eliezer the son of Dodavahu from Mareshah w city w warned Jehoshaphat. He said, "You have made an alliance with Ahaziah, w who w is w a w wicked w king. Therefore,

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Yahweh|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068" destroy|strong="H7665"
 the|strong="H5921" ships|strong="H0591" that|strong="H3068"
 your|strong="H3068" workers|strong="H6466" have|strong="H3068"
 made|strong="H4639"." And|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921"
 ships|strong="H0591" were|strong="H1121" wrecked,
 and|strong="H1121" were|strong="H1121" not|strong="H3808"
 able|strong="H6113" to|strong="H3068" sail|strong="H5251"
 to|strong="H3068" other|strong="H0312" countries|strong="H0776".

21Then|strong="H1732" Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092"
 died|strong="H4191", and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1732"
 buried|strong="H6912" where|strong="H8478" his|strong="H1732"
 ancestors|strong="H0001" were|strong="H1121" buried|strong="H6912"
 in|strong="H6912" w the|strong="H8478" w* w part|strong="H7992" w* w
 of|strong="H1121" w* w Jerusalem|strong="H3389" w* w
 called|strong="H7121" w* 'The|strong="H8478" City|strong="H5892"
 of|strong="H1121" David'. Then|strong="H1732" his|strong="H1732"
 son|strong="H1121" Jehoram|strong="H3088" became|strong="H4427"
 the|strong="H8478" king|strong="H4427" w of|strong="H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong="H3063" w*. ² His|strong="H3605" w
 younger|strong="H6810" w* brothers|strong="H1121"
 were|strong="H3478" Azariah|strong="H5838", Jehiel|strong="H3171",
 Zechariah|strong="H2148", Azariah|strong="H5838",
 Michael|strong="H4317", and|strong="H1121"
 Shephatiah|strong="H8203". ³ Before|strong="H5973"
 Jehoshaphat|strong="H3092" died|strong="H4191", he|strong="H1931"
 gave|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414" gifts|strong="H4979"
 of|strong="H5892" silver|strong="H3701" and|strong="H3063"
 gold|strong="H2091" and|strong="H3063" other|strong="H0312"
 valuable|strong="H4030" things|strong="H4030". He|strong="H1931"
 also|strong="H1992" appointed|strong="H5414" them|strong="H5414"
 to|strong="H5414" rule|strong="H4467" various|strong="H2921"
 cities|strong="H5892" in|strong="H5892" Judah|strong="H3063"
 that|strong="H3588" had|strong="H3063" walls|strong="H2346"
 around|strong="H5439" them|strong="H5414". But|strong="H3588"
 he|strong="H1931" appointed|strong="H5414" Jehoram|strong="H3088"
 to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H5414" the|strong="H3588"
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H5892" Judah|strong="H3063",
 because|strong="H3588" Jehoram|strong="H3088" was|strong="H1931"
 his|strong="H5414" oldest|strong="H1060" son|strong="H1060".
 King|strong="H4428" Jehoram|strong="H3088" of|strong="H5892"
 Judah|strong="H3063"

4After|strong="H5921" Jehoram|strong="H3088" was|strong="H3478"
 completely|strong="H3605" in|strong="H5921" control|strong="H2388"

of|strong = "H8269" his|strong = "H3605" father's|strong = "H0001" kingdom|strong = "H4467", he|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3478" all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8269" his|strong = "H3605" w younger|strong = "H6810" w* brothers|strong = "H0251" executed|strong = "H6213", along|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H5921" some|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H3605" nation|strong = "H4467". ⁵ Jehoram|strong = "H3088" was|strong = "H1121" 32 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H8147" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H1121" king|strong = "H4427", and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H8147" ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H1121" eight|strong = "H8083" years|strong = "H8141". ⁶ But|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213" many|strong = "H7227" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3588" w evil|strong = "H7451" w* things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213". He|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213" many|strong = "H7227" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" considers|strong = "H7919" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H1961" evil|strong = "H7451", things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" family|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213", because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" married|strong = "H3947" one|strong = "H1961" of|strong = "H4428" Ahab's|strong = "H0256" daughters|strong = "H1323". ⁷ However|strong = "H0389", because|strong = "H4616" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" agreement|strong = "H1285" that|strong = "H3605" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" made|strong = "H3772" with|strong = "H1004" King|strong = "H4616" David|strong = "H1732", Yahweh|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" want|strong = "H3772" to|strong = "H3068" get|strong = "H3947" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" David|strong = "H1732". He|strong = "H3117" had|strong = "H3068" promised|strong = "H5414" that|strong = "H3605" David's|strong = "H1732" descendants|strong = "H1121" would|strong = "H3068" always|strong = "H3605" be|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605" ones|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H3605" ruled|strong = "H4427" Judah|strong = "H3063".

8While|strong = "H3117" Jehoram|strong = "H3088" was|strong = "H3117" ruling|strong = "H4910", the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" w the|strong = "H5921" w* Edom|strong = "H0112" w

region|strong = "H2256" w* rebelled|strong = "H6586"
 against|strong = "H5921" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 king|strong = "H4428" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" appointed|strong = "H4427" their|strong = "H5921"
 own|strong = "H3027" king|strong = "H4428". ⁹ So|strong = "H1961"
 Jehoram|strong = "H3088" and|strong = "H6965" his|strong = "H3605"
 officers|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H6965" his|strong = "H3605"
 men|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H5437" chariots|strong = "H7393"
 went|strong = "H5674" to|strong = "H1961" Edom|strong = "H0112".
 There|strong = "H1961", the|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H2428"
 of|strong = "H8269" Edom|strong = "H0112" surrounded|strong = "H5437"
 them|strong = "H5221". Jehoram|strong = "H3088"
 escaped|strong = "H5437" during|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605"
 night|strong = "H3915". ¹⁰ But|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 was|strong = "H3068" never|strong = "H5704" able|strong = "H3027"
 to|strong = "H5704" regain|strong = "H7725" control|strong = "H3027"
 of|strong = "H3068" Edom|strong = "H0112", and|strong = "H3063"
 Edom|strong = "H0112" is|strong = "H3068" still|strong = "H3588"
 not|strong = "H2088" controlled|strong = "H0662" by|strong = "H3027"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". w The|strong = "H3588" w* w
 people|strong = "H1931" w* w in|strong = "H3068" w*
 Libnah|strong = "H3841" w city|strong = "H1931" w* w
 between|strong = "H5704" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w
 and|strong = "H3063" w* w Philistia|strong = "H6429" w*
 also|strong = "H3068" rebelled|strong = "H6586" against|strong = "H3027"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". Those|strong = "H1931" things|strong = "H6256"
 happened|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H3588"
 Jehoram|strong = "H5800" turned|strong = "H6256" away|strong = "H5493"
 from|strong = "H3027" w obeying|strong = "H8085" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H5704" w*.

¹¹ On|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H6213" hilltops in|strong = "H3427"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" he|strong = "H1931" had|strong = "H3063"
 also|strong = "H1571" built|strong = "H6213" shrines|strong = "H1354" w
 to|strong = "H6213" w* w worship|strong = "H7812" w* w
 idols|strong = "H1544" w*, and|strong = "H3063" had|strong = "H3063"
 caused|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" people|strong = "H3427"
 of|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H6213"
 stray|strong = "H8582" away|strong = "H5080" from|strong = "H3063"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" by|strong = "H3427" worshiping|strong = "H7812"
 foreign|strong = "H5237" gods|strong = "H0430".

12 One|strong = "H3808" day|strong = "H3117", Jehoram|strong = "H3088" received|strong = "H3947" a|strong = "H3068" letter|strong = "H4385" from|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H3541" prophet|strong = "H5030" Elijah|strong = "H0452". Elijah|strong = "H0452" had|strong = "H3068" written|strong = "H3789" this|strong = "H3541" in|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H3541" letter|strong = "H4385":

“ This|strong = "H3541" is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H3541" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3541" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834" your|strong = "H3068" ancestor w King|strong = "H4428" w* David|strong = "H1732" w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*, says|strong = "H3541": 'You have|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" done|strong = "H1980" things|strong = "H3808" that|strong = "H3068" please|strong = "H4994" me|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H1870" your|strong = "H3068" father|strong = "H0001" Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092" did|strong = "H3068" or|strong = "H3808" what|strong = "H3541" King|strong = "H4428" Asa|strong = "H0609" did|strong = "H3068". ¹³ Instead|strong = "H8478", you|strong = "H4480" have|strong = "H1571" continually|strong = "H2181" done|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H4480" w evil|strong = "H7451" w* w things|strong = "H2896" w* that|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H4480" kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478" have|strong = "H1571" done|strong = "H3478". You|strong = "H4480" have|strong = "H1571" encouraged|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H4480" people|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H0312" places|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3478" stop|strong = "H2308" worshiping|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", like|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" did|strong = "H3478". You|strong = "H4480" have|strong = "H1571" also|strong = "H1571" murdered|strong = "H2026" your|strong = "H4480" own|strong = "H1961" brothers|strong = "H0251", who|strong = "H3478" were|strong = "H3478" more|strong = "H4480" righteous|strong = "H6662" men|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H4480" you|strong = "H4480" are|strong = "H3478".

14 So|strong = "H3651" now|strong = "H2009" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" about|strong = "H2009" to|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H1419" severely|strong = "H5953" punish|strong = "H6485" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068" kingdom|strong = "H4467" and|strong = "H1121" even|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H5971" children|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" your|strong = "H3068" wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H1121" everything|strong = "H3605"

that|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H5971". ¹⁵
 And|strong = "H3117" you|strong = "H5921" yourself|strong = "H5921"
 will|strong = "H7227" have|strong = "H3117" an|strong = "H4480"
 intestinal|strong = "H4578" disease|strong = "H2483" that|strong = "H3117"
 will|strong = "H7227" continue|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H5704"
 become|strong = "H3318" worse|strong = "H7489", and|strong = "H3117"
 you|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H7227" suffer|strong = "H5414"
 from|strong = "H4480" it|strong = "H5921" until|strong = "H5704"
 you|strong = "H5921" die|strong = "H4191".'

16Then|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H5414" some|strong = "H3027" men|strong = "H0376"
 from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" Philistia|strong = "H6429"
 people-group and|strong = "H3068" some|strong = "H3027"
 Arabs|strong = "H6163" who|strong = "H3068" lived|strong = "H3427"
 near|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" coast|strong = "H3027" w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* Mediterranean w
 Sea|strong = "H3220" w*, where|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 from|strong = "H5921" Ethiopia|strong = "H3569" had|strong = "H3068"
 settled|strong = "H5921", to|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H3027"
 angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" Jehoram|strong = "H3088".
¹⁷ Their|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H5927" invaded|strong = "H5927"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121" took|strong = "H7617"
 away|strong = "H7617" w from|strong = "H5927" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3588"
 they|strong = "H3588" found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" palace|strong = "H1004",
 and|strong = "H1121" even|strong = "H1571" his|strong = "H3605"
 sons|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" wives|strong = "H0802".
 His|strong = "H3605" youngest|strong = "H6996" son|strong = "H1121",
 Ahaziah|strong = "H3059", was|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 only|strong = "H3588" one|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1121"
 his|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" whom|strong = "H3588"
 they|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3063" not|strong = "H3808"
 take|strong = "H7617" away|strong = "H7617".

18After|strong = "H0310" that|strong = "H3605"
 happened|strong = "H1961", Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H5414" Jehoram|strong = "H3088" to|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" afflicted|strong = "H5062" with|strong = "H3068"
 an|strong = "H3068" intestinal|strong = "H4578" disease|strong = "H2483"
 that|strong = "H3605" no|strong = "H3605" one|strong = "H3605"
 could|strong = "H3201" cure|strong = "H4832". ¹⁹ About|strong = "H1961"
 two|strong = "H8147" years|strong = "H3117" later|strong = "H7093",

while|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H6213" great|strong = "H6213" pain|strong = "H7451",
 he|strong = "H3117" died|strong = "H4191" because|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H5971" disease|strong = "H2483".
 The|strong = "H6213" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H3117"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" had|strong = "H1961" made|strong = "H6213"
 bonfires to|strong = "H3318" honor|strong = "H3519" his|strong = "H1961"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" when|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3117"
 died|strong = "H4191", but|strong = "H3808" they|strong = "H3117"
 did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" make|strong = "H6213"
 a|strong = "H1961" bonfire for|strong = "H6213" Jehoram|strong = "H3088".

20Jehoram|strong = "H3088" was|strong = "H1961" 32
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1961"
 he|strong = "H1732" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H1961"
 king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H1732"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H1121" eight|strong = "H8083" years|strong = "H8141".
 No|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808" was|strong = "H1961"
 sorry|strong = "H5162" when|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H1732"
 died|strong = "H4191". His|strong = "H1732" corpse|strong = "H5038"
 was|strong = "H1961" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H8141" w
 the|strong = "H1961" w* w part|strong = "H7992" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w
 called|strong = "H7121" w* 'The|strong = "H1961" City|strong = "H5892"
 of|strong = "H1121" David', but|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H1732"
 was|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H3808" buried|strong = "H6912"
 where|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H1961" other|strong = "H8147"
 kings|strong = "H4428" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* had|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961"
 buried|strong = "H6912".
 King Ahaziah of Judah

22The|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" appointed|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoram's|strong = "H3088" youngest|strong = "H6996"
 son|strong = "H1121" Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" as|strong = "H3389"
 their|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", because|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121" w from|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Philistia|strong = "H6429" w* who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H4428"
 invaded|strong = "H0935" Judah|strong = "H3063" with|strong = "H3427"
 some|strong = "H3605" Arabs|strong = "H6163" had|strong = "H4428"
 killed|strong = "H2026" all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoram's|strong = "H3088" other|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121".

So|strong = "H3588" Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H3389" rule|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063".

2Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" was|strong = "H8034" 22 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H8147" became|strong = "H4427" king|strong = "H4427". He|strong = "H8147" ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H8034" one|strong = "H1121" year|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H8147" mother's|strong = "H0517" name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H8034" Athaliah|strong = "H6271", a|strong = "H3389" granddaughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121" w King|strong = "H4427" w* Omri|strong = "H6018" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w*.

3King|strong = "H4428" Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" conducted|strong = "H1240" his|strong = "H1961" life|strong = "H5315" just|strong = "H1571" like|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3588" members|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" Ahab's|strong = "H0256" family|strong = "H1004" had|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H1961", because|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H1961" mother|strong = "H0517" encouraged|strong = "H2388" him|strong = "H1931" to|strong = "H1980" do|strong = "H1870" things|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1870" evil|strong = "H7561". ⁴ He|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" considers|strong = "H7919" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961" evil|strong = "H7451", like|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3588" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004" Ahab|strong = "H0256" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213", because|strong = "H3588" after|strong = "H1961" Ahaziah's|strong = "H0274" father|strong = "H0001" died|strong = "H4194", they|strong = "H1992" became|strong = "H1961" his|strong = "H3068" advisors. And|strong = "H3068" Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" died|strong = "H4194" as|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" result|strong = "H6903" of|strong = "H1004" heeding their|strong = "H3068" bad|strong = "H7451" advice|strong = "H3289". ⁵ He|strong = "H5921" also|strong = "H1571" did|strong = "H3478" what|strong = "H1571" they|strong = "H5921" advised|strong = "H0559" when|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H5921" went|strong = "H1980" with|strong = "H1980" Joram|strong = "H3141", the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428" Ahab|strong = "H0256" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478", to|strong = "H1980" fight|strong = "H4421" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H4421" of|strong = "H1121" Hazael|strong = "H2371", the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121" Syria|strong = "H0758", at|strong = "H5921" Ramoth-Gilead|strong = "H7433".

6 Then King Ahaziah went down to Jezreel w city w* to see Joram, the son of Ahab, because he had been wounded. 7 It that God caused to die. When Ahaziah went with Joram to meet Jehu, the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had appointed to kill all the descendants of Ahab. 8 While Jehu w and w* w men w* w who w were w with killing the descendants of Ahab, they found the leaders of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's relatives who were working, and they killed all of them. 9 Then Jehu went to find Ahaziah, and he found Ahaziah while he was hiding in Samaria w city w*. They brought him to Jehu and executed him. Then they buried his corpse, because they said, "w He w* w deserves w* w to w* w

be|strong = "H4191" w* w buried|strong = "H6912" w*, w
 because|strong = "H3588" w* he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3068"
 a|strong = "H3588" descendant|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoshaphat|strong = "H3092", who|strong = "H3605" tried|strong = "H1245"
 hard|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H4191" please|strong = "H4994"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". There|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121"
 no|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Ahaziah|strong = "H0274" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121"
 powerful|strong = "H3581" enough|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H4191"
 become|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063".
 Athaliah|strong = "H6271" and|strong = "H1121" Joash|strong = "H3101"

10When|strong = "H3588" Athaliah|strong = "H6271",
 the|strong = "H3605" mother|strong = "H0517" of|strong = "H1121"
 Ahaziah|strong = "H0274", saw|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3588"
 her|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121" had|strong = "H3063"
 been|strong = "H3605" killed|strong = "H4191", she|strong = "H3588"
 commanded|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" members|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1121"
 Ahaziah's|strong = "H0274" family|strong = "H1004" w
 who|strong = "H3605" w* w might|strong = "H1121" w* w
 become|strong = "H7200" w* w king|strong = "H4428" w*
 must|strong = "H4191" be|strong = "H4191" executed|strong = "H4191". 11
 But|strong = "H3588" Jehosheba|strong = "H3089", the|strong = "H6440"
 daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428"
 Jehoram|strong = "H3088", took|strong = "H3947" Joash|strong = "H3101",
 Ahaziah's|strong = "H0274" very|strong = "H3966" young|strong = "H1121"
 son|strong = "H1121", away|strong = "H3947" from|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H0312" sons|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428"
 who|strong = "H1931" were|strong = "H1961" about|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H4191" be|strong = "H1961" murdered|strong = "H2026",
 and|strong = "H1121" she|strong = "H1931" hid|strong = "H5641"
 him|strong = "H5414" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H5414" nursemaid
 in|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H1961" bedroom|strong = "H2315"
 in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" temple|strong = "H1004".
 Because|strong = "H3588" Jehosheba|strong = "H3089",
 who|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H6440"
 daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428"
 Jehoram|strong = "H3088" and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H6440"
 wife|strong = "H0802" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H6440" Supreme
 Priest|strong = "H3548" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077", was|strong = "H1961"
 Ahaziah's|strong = "H0274" sister|strong = "H0269", she|strong = "H1931"
 hid|strong = "H5641" the|strong = "H6440" child|strong = "H1121",

with|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" result|strong = "H6903"
 that|strong = "H3588" Athaliah|strong = "H6271" could|strong = "H3201"
 not|strong = "H3808" kill|strong = "H4191" him|strong = "H5414". ¹²
 He|strong = "H1004" remained|strong = "H1961" hidden|strong = "H2244"
 there|strong = "H1961" for|strong = "H5921" six|strong = "H8337"
 years|strong = "H8141" while|strong = "H1961" Athaliah|strong = "H6271"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*.

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23After|strong = "H8141" Joash|strong = "H3101" had|strong = "H1121"
 been|strong = "H2388" hidden|strong = "H5641" in|strong = "H8141"
 the|strong = "H3947" temple|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "H1121"
 six|strong = "H8337" years|strong = "H8141", Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 the|strong = "H3947" priest|strong = "H3548" decided|strong = "H3289"
 that|strong = "H8141" it|strong = "H3947" was|strong = "H1121"
 necessary|strong = "H2706" to|strong = "H1121" do|strong = "H6213"
 something|strong = "H1697". So|strong = "H3947" he|strong = "H8141"
 made|strong = "H2388" an|strong = "H3947" agreement|strong = "H1285"
 with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3947" army|strong = "H2428"
 commanders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H1121" groups|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" 100 soldiers|strong = "H1121":

Azariah|strong = "H5838" the|strong = "H3947" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Jeroham|strong = "H3395", Ishmael|strong = "H3458"
 the|strong = "H3947" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jehohanan|strong = "H3076", Azariah|strong = "H5838"
 the|strong = "H3947" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Obed|strong = "H5744", Maaseiah|strong = "H4641" the|strong = "H3947"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Adaiah|strong = "H5718",
 and|strong = "H3967" Elishaphat|strong = "H0478" the|strong = "H3947"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Zicri|strong = "H2147". ²
 They|strong = "H3605" went|strong = "H3478" throughout|strong = "H3605"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063" gathered|strong = "H6908"
 the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H5892"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3605"
 leaders|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H5892" Israeli
 families|strong = "H4940" from|strong = "H3478" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892". When|strong = "H3881"
 they|strong = "H3605" came|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", ³ the|strong = "H3605"
 whole|strong = "H3605" group|strong = "H7235" went|strong = "H1732"
 to|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H1121" made|strong = "H3772" an|strong = "H3772"
 agreement|strong = "H1285" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605"
 young|strong = "H1121" king|strong = "H4428" there|strong = "H2009".
 Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" said|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"

them|strong = "H1992", "This|strong = "H1696" is|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" previous|strong = "H7223" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063". So|strong = "H1696"
 he|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 one|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" must|strong = "H1121"
 rule|strong = "H4428", like|strong = "H5973" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 promised|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428"
 David|strong = "H1732" must|strong = "H1121" do|strong = "H3068".

4"So|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H2088"
 what|strong = "H1697" you|strong = "H6213" must|strong = "H4191"
 do|strong = "H6213": One-third|strong = "H7992" of|strong = "H1697"
 you|strong = "H6213" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3548"
 other|strong = "H2088" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1697"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" who|strong = "H3548" are|strong = "H1697"
 starting|strong = "H4161" their|strong = "H6213" work|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" Sabbath|strong = "H7676"
 day|strong = "H3117" must|strong = "H4191" guard|strong = "H2876"
 the|strong = "H6213" doors|strong = "H5592" w of|strong = "H1697" w* w
 the|strong = "H6213" w* w temple|strong = "H5592" w*. ⁵
 One-third|strong = "H7992" of|strong = "H4428" you|strong = "H3605"
 must|strong = "H4191" guard|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" palace|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H3068"
 one-third|strong = "H7992" of|strong = "H4428" you|strong = "H3605"
 must|strong = "H4191" guard|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 Foundation|strong = "H3247" Gate|strong = "H8179". All|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" courtyards|strong = "H2691" outside|strong = "H2351"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". ⁶ Only|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" who|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4399"
 there|strong = "H1992" will|strong = "H3068" enter|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H1992"
 will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" allowed|strong = "H3068"
 to|strong = "H3068" enter|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992"
 are|strong = "H1992" set|strong = "H6944" apart|strong = "H6944" w
 for|strong = "H3588" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 work|strong = "H4399" w*. All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 others|strong = "H5971" must|strong = "H4191" remain|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" courtyards|strong = "H2691",

obeying|strong = "H8104" what|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 has|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H6680". ⁷
 You|strong = "H3027" descendants|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" must|strong = "H4191" stand|strong = "H5975"
 around|strong = "H5439" the|strong = "H3318" young|strong = "H5288"
 king|strong = "H4428", each|strong = "H5439" of|strong = "H4428"
 you|strong = "H3027" with|strong = "H1004" your|strong = "H1961"
 weapon|strong = "H3627" in|strong = "H1004" your|strong = "H1961"
 hand|strong = "H3027". Anyone|strong = "H3605" else|strong = "H3027"
 who|strong = "H3881" tries|strong = "H0974" to|strong = "H3318"
 enter|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3318" temple|strong = "H1004"
 you|strong = "H3027" must|strong = "H4191" kill|strong = "H4191".
 And|strong = "H4428" stay|strong = "H3427" close|strong = "H5980"
 to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3318" young|strong = "H5288"
 king|strong = "H4428", wherever|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H1004"
 goes|strong = "H3318".

8So|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H3318"
 of|strong = "H3605" Levi|strong = "H3881" and|strong = "H3063"
 all|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w men|strong = "H6213" w*
 w of|strong = "H3605" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" did|strong = "H6213"
 what|strong = "H6213" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" had|strong = "H3063"
 told|strong = "H6680" them|strong = "H6213". He|strong = "H3588"
 did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" allow|strong = "H5414"
 anyone|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3318" go|strong = "H3318"
 home|strong = "H1004" after|strong = "H3588" having|strong = "H3808"
 finished|strong = "H3615" his|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H3318" that|strong = "H3588" Sabbath|strong = "H7676"
 day|strong = "H3117". Each|strong = "H3605" commander|strong = "H6680"
 took|strong = "H3947" charge|strong = "H6680" of|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H6213", the|strong = "H3605"
 ones|strong = "H2945" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3881"
 finishing|strong = "H3635" their|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H3318" that|strong = "H3588" day|strong = "H3117"
 and|strong = "H3063" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H3881" starting|strong = "H4161" their|strong = "H3605"
 work|strong = "H6213" on|strong = "H3318" that|strong = "H3588"
 day|strong = "H3117". ⁹ Then|strong = "H5414" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 gave|strong = "H5414" each|strong = "H5414" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H5414" commanders|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H5414"
 spears|strong = "H2595" and|strong = "H3967" the|strong = "H5414"
 large|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3967" small|strong = "H7982"
 shields|strong = "H4043" that|strong = "H3548" had|strong = "H1732"
 been|strong = "H1961" put|strong = "H5414" there|strong = "H8033"
 in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H1004"

by|strong = "H5414" King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H1732". ¹⁰
 He|strong = "H5704" commanded|strong = "H6680" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" guards|strong = "H7323" to|strong = "H5704"
 stand|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605"
 positions|strong = "H7896", each|strong = "H3605" with|strong = "H1004"
 his|strong = "H3605" sword|strong = "H7973" in|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027", all|strong = "H3605"
 around|strong = "H5439" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428"—around|strong = "H5439" the|strong = "H3605"
 altar|strong = "H4196" and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004", from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 north|strong = "H6828" side|strong = "H3802" to|strong = "H5704"
 the|strong = "H3605" south|strong = "H3233" side|strong = "H3802".

11 Then|strong = "H3318" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H5414" sons|strong = "H1121"
 brought|strong = "H3318" Joash|strong = "H3101" out|strong = "H3318".
 They|strong = "H5921" put|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H5414"
 crown|strong = "H5145" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5414"
 head|strong = "H7218" and|strong = "H1121" gave|strong = "H5414"
 him|strong = "H5414" w a|strong = "H5414" w* w scroll|strong = "H5612" w*
 on|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H1121"
 written|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H5921" rules|strong = "H4427" w
 that|strong = "H5414" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 kings|strong = "H4428" w* w needed|strong = "H1767" w* w
 to|strong = "H3318" w* w obey|strong = "H8085" w*, and|strong = "H1121"
 proclaimed|strong = "H7121" that|strong = "H5414" he|strong = "H5414"
 was|strong = "H4428" now|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428". They|strong = "H5921" anointed|strong = "H4886"
 him|strong = "H5414" with|strong = "H5921" olive|strong = "H2132"
 oil|strong = "H4886" and|strong = "H1121" shouted|strong = "H5414",
 "We|strong = "H0587" hope|strong = "H3176" that|strong = "H5414"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" will|strong = "H4428"
 live|strong = "H2421" for|strong = "H5921" many|strong = "H7227"
 years|strong = "H8141"!"

12 When|strong = "H8085" Athaliah|strong = "H6271"
 heard|strong = "H8085" the|strong = "H8085" noise|strong = "H6963"
 being|strong = "H1004" made|strong = "H3068" by|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H8085" people|strong = "H5971" running|strong = "H7323" w
 toward|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H8085" w* w
 king|strong = "H4428" w* w and|strong = "H3068" cheering,
 she|strong = "H1931" ran|strong = "H7323" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H8085" temple|strong = "H1004". ¹³ She|strong = "H5921"
 saw|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H3605" young|strong = "H5288"

king|strong = "H4428" there|strong = "H2009", standing|strong = "H5975" alongside|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" pillar|strong = "H5982" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" entrance|strong = "H3996" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004", w which|strong = "H5971" w* w is|strong = "H2009" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w place|strong = "H3605" w* w at|strong = "H5921" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w* where|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428" usually|strong = "H2370" stood|strong = "H5975". The|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H5971" commanders|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H4428" trumpet|strong = "H2689" players|strong = "H2490" were|strong = "H5971" standing|strong = "H5975" beside|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063" were|strong = "H5971" rejoicing|strong = "H8055" and|strong = "H4428" blowing|strong = "H8628" trumpets|strong = "H2689", and|strong = "H4428" singers|strong = "H7891" with|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" musical|strong = "H7892" instruments|strong = "H3627" were|strong = "H5971" leading|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" while|strong = "H2009" they|strong = "H5921" praised|strong = "H1984" God|strong = "H0430". Then|strong = "H2009" Athaliah|strong = "H6271" tore|strong = "H7167" her|strong = "H3605" robes|strong = "H0899" and|strong = "H4428" started|strong = "H2490" screaming, "You|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H5971" committing|strong = "H6213" treason|strong = "H7195"!"

14 Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" the|strong = "H3588" Supreme Priest|strong = "H3548" said|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3588" army|strong = "H2428" commanders|strong = "H8269", "Kill|strong = "H4191" her|strong = "H3318", but|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" kill|strong = "H4191" her|strong = "H3318" at|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"!" Then|strong = "H3318" he|strong = "H3588" said|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" them|strong = "H3318", "Bring|strong = "H3318" Athaliah|strong = "H6271" out|strong = "H3318" in|strong = "H3068" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3588" troops|strong = "H2428" and|strong = "H3967" kill|strong = "H4191" anyone|strong = "H3588" who|strong = "H3068" tries|strong = "H0974" to|strong = "H3318" follow|strong = "H3068" her|strong = "H3318"!" ¹⁵ w She|strong = "H1931" w* w tried|strong = "H6884" w* w to|strong = "H4191" w* w flee|strong = "H5127" w*, w but|strong = "H4191" w* they|strong = "H8033" seized|strong = "H7760" her|strong = "H7760" as|strong = "H1004" she|strong = "H1931"

reached|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H7760" gate|strong = "H8179"
 where|strong = "H8033" horses|strong = "H5483" enter|strong = "H3996"
 the|strong = "H7760" palace|strong = "H1004" area|strong = "H1508",
 and|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H8033" killed|strong = "H4191"
 her|strong = "H7760" there|strong = "H8033". ¹⁶ Then|strong = "H1961"
 Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" made|strong = "H3772" an|strong = "H1961"
 agreement|strong = "H1285" that|strong = "H5971" he|strong = "H3068"
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" would|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H1961" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971".
¹⁷ Then|strong = "H3548" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H5971"
 there|strong = "H3605" went|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004"
 Baal|strong = "H1168" and|strong = "H1004" tore|strong = "H5422"
 it|strong = "H6440" down|strong = "H5422". They|strong = "H5971"
 smashed|strong = "H7665" the|strong = "H3605" altars|strong = "H4196" w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* w Baal|strong = "H1168" w*. They|strong = "H5971"
 also|strong = "H5971" killed|strong = "H2026" Mattan|strong = "H4977",
 the|strong = "H3605" priest|strong = "H3548" of|strong = "H1004"
 Baal|strong = "H1168", in|strong = "H1004" front|strong = "H6440"
 of|strong = "H1004" those|strong = "H3605" altars|strong = "H4196".

¹⁸ Then|strong = "H4872" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 appointed|strong = "H7760" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548",
 who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3881" also|strong = "H3068"
 descended|strong = "H3381" from|strong = "H5921" Levi|strong = "H3881",
 to|strong = "H3068" work|strong = "H3027" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H3881" part|strong = "H2505" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5921" group|strong = "H7235" to|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" King|strong = "H5921" David|strong = "H1732"
 had|strong = "H3068" given|strong = "H3027" various|strong = "H2921" jobs
 at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004",
 to|strong = "H3068" sacrifice|strong = "H5930" the|strong = "H5921"
 animals|strong = "H0929" that|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3881"
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3027" completely|strong = "H3617"
 burned|strong = "H8313" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 altar|strong = "H4196", doing|strong = "H3027" what|strong = "H1732"
 was|strong = "H3068" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" laws|strong = "H8451" that|strong = "H3068"
 Moses|strong = "H4872" had|strong = "H3068" given|strong = "H3027"
 to|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H5921". He|strong = "H3068"
 also|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H7760" them|strong = "H5921"

to|strong = "H3068" rejoice|strong = "H8057" and|strong = "H4872" sing|strong = "H7892", which|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" also|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1732" David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H6680". ¹⁹

He|strong = "H3068" also|strong = "H3068" put|strong = "H3068" guards|strong = "H7778" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" gates|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3605" anyone|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3068" unacceptable|strong = "H4284" to|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" allowed|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" enter|strong = "H5975".

20Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" took|strong = "H3947" with|strong = "H1004" him|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H5971" commanders|strong = "H8269", the|strong = "H3605" important|strong = "H5704" men|strong = "H5971", the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H3967" many|strong = "H7227" others|strong = "H5971", and|strong = "H3967" brought|strong = "H3947" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" down|strong = "H3381" from|strong = "H3381" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H3068" went|strong = "H3381" into|strong = "H3381" the|strong = "H3605" palace|strong = "H1004" through|strong = "H8432" the|strong = "H3605" Upper|strong = "H5945" Gate|strong = "H8179", and|strong = "H3967" put|strong = "H3381" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3605" throne|strong = "H3678". ²¹ Then|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063" rejoiced|strong = "H8055". And|strong = "H5971" there|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H5892" calm|strong = "H8252" throughout|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892", because|strong = "H3605" Athaliah|strong = "H6271" had|strong = "H5971" been|strong = "H8252" killed|strong = "H4191".

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24Joash|strong = "H3101" was|strong = "H8034" seven|strong = "H7651" years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H3389" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H8034" king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H3389" ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H8034" 40 years|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H3101" mother's|strong = "H0517" name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H8034" Zibiah|strong = "H6645"; she|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H8034"

from|strong = "H1121" Beersheba|strong = "H0884" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w*. ² Joash|strong = "H3101" did|strong = "H6213"
 what|strong = "H3477" pleased|strong = "H5869" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 as|strong = "H3117" long|strong = "H3117" as|strong = "H3117"
 Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" was|strong = "H3068" w the|strong = "H3605" w*
 Supreme Priest|strong = "H3548". ³ Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 chose|strong = "H5375" two|strong = "H8147" women|strong = "H1323"
 to|strong = "H3205" be|strong = "H1121" Joash's|strong = "H3101"
 wives|strong = "H0802". And|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H5375"
 bore|strong = "H3205" Joash|strong = "H3101" sons|strong = "H1121"
 and|strong = "H1121" daughters|strong = "H1323".

⁴Some|strong = "H4480" years|strong = "H8141" later|strong = "H1961",
 Joash|strong = "H3101" decided|strong = "H1961" that|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" should|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H1961" repaired|strong = "H2388". ⁵ He|strong = "H3605"
 summoned|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548"
 and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H3318"
 of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3881" and|strong = "H3063"
 said|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H3318" them|strong = "H3318",
 "Go|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605"
 towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H8141" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" collect|strong = "H6908" from|strong = "H3318"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605"
 tax|strong = "H4061" money|strong = "H3701" that|strong = "H3605"
 they|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H3478" required|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H3318" pay|strong = "H3701" each|strong = "H3605"
 year|strong = "H8141", and|strong = "H3063" use|strong = "H4399"
 that|strong = "H3605" money|strong = "H3701" to|strong = "H3318"
 pay|strong = "H3701" for|strong = "H1004" repairing|strong = "H2388"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". Do|strong = "H3318"
 it|strong = "H3808" immediately|strong = "H4116". But|strong = "H3808"
 the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H1004"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 do|strong = "H3318" it|strong = "H3808" immediately|strong = "H4116".

⁶So|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 summoned|strong = "H7121" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 and|strong = "H3063" said|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H3478"
 him|strong = "H7121", "Why|strong = "H4069" have|strong = "H3068"
 you|strong = "H5921" not|strong = "H3808" required|strong = "H1875"
 the|strong = "H5921" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" to|strong = "H3478" bring|strong = "H3881"
 to|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" from|strong = "H5921"
 various|strong = "H2921" places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5921"

Judah|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H5921"
 annual|strong = "H6471"/yearly|strong = "H3117" tax|strong = "H4864"
 that|strong = "H3068" Moses|strong = "H4872" said|strong = "H7121"
 that|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H3808"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063" must|strong = "H3478"
 pay|strong = "H7999", for|strong = "H5921" taking|strong = "H3947"
 care|strong = "H1875" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 Sacred|strong = "H6944" Tent|strong = "H0168"?"

7w The|strong = "H3605" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w* w
 needed|strong = "H1767" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 be|strong = "H3068" w* w repaired|strong = "H2388" w*
 because|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" that|strong = "H3588" wicked|strong = "H4849"
 woman|strong = "H1004" Athaliah|strong = "H6271" had|strong = "H3068"
 entered|strong = "H0935" into|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" w and|strong = "H1121" w* w
 had|strong = "H3068" w* w wrecked w some|strong = "H3605" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 things|strong = "H6944" w*, and|strong = "H1121" had|strong = "H3068"
 also|strong = "H1571" used|strong = "H6213" some|strong = "H3605"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" sacred|strong = "H6944"
 items|strong = "H6944" that|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H1121"
 in|strong = "H3068" it|strong = "H3588" for|strong = "H3588" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w worship|strong = "H7812" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Baal|strong = "H1168".

8So|strong = "H6213", obeying|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428" commanded|strong = "H6680",
 the|strong = "H5414" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428"
 Levi|strong = "H3878" made|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H6213"
 chest|strong = "H0727" and|strong = "H3068" placed|strong = "H5414"
 it|strong = "H5414" outside|strong = "H2351" the|strong = "H5414"
 temple|strong = "H1004", at|strong = "H3068" one|strong = "H6213"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414" entrances|strong = "H6607". ⁹
 Then|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H5921"
 sent|strong = "H5414" letters|strong = "H5612" everywhere|strong = "H5921"
 in|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063", requesting
 everyone|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3478" bring|strong = "H5414"
 their|strong = "H3068" tax|strong = "H4864" money|strong = "H3701"
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004",
 like|strong = "H3478" Moses|strong = "H4872" had|strong = "H3068"
 required|strong = "H7592" the|strong = "H5921" Israeli
 people|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H3068" w
 when|strong = "H3068" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w

were in the desert officials and other agreed they contributions. They money chest was the Levi king's they there lot in king's the chest its did they huge money and the men were work the men and repair They men with bronze things

10 All the officials and other people w agreed they contributions. They money chest was the Levi king's they there lot in king's the chest its did they huge money and the men were work the men and repair They men with bronze things

11 Whenever the Levi king's they there lot in king's the chest its did they huge money and the men were work the men and repair They men with bronze things

12 The king and the men who were work the men and repair They men with bronze things

temple|strong = "H1004" w that|strong = "H3068" w* w
were|strong = "H1961" w* w broken|strong = "H7665" w*.

13The|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H6213" who|strong = "H5975"
did|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H5921" repair|strong = "H5975"
work|strong = "H4399" worked|strong = "H6213" hard|strong = "H1004",
and|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5921" work|strong = "H4399"
of|strong = "H1004" repairing|strong = "H3247" the|strong = "H5921"
temple|strong = "H1004" progressed|strong = "H5927".
They|strong = "H5921" rebuilt|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H5921"
temple|strong = "H1004" so|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3027"
it|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H1004" like|strong = "H1004"
it|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H1004" originally, and|strong = "H3027"
they|strong = "H5921" even|strong = "H6213" made|strong = "H6213"
it|strong = "H5921" stronger|strong = "H2388". ¹⁴ When|strong = "H1961"
they|strong = "H3117" had|strong = "H3068" finished|strong = "H3615"
the|strong = "H3605" repair|strong = "H2388" work|strong = "H6213",
they|strong = "H3117" brought|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H3068"
to|strong = "H3068" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" the|strong = "H3605"
money|strong = "H3701" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3117"
had|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H6213" used|strong = "H6213"
for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" repairs|strong = "H2388".
That|strong = "H3605" money|strong = "H3701" was|strong = "H3068"
used|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3068" make|strong = "H6213"
things|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3068" use|strong = "H1961"
for|strong = "H6213" offering|strong = "H5930" the|strong = "H3605"
sacrifices|strong = "H5930" that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961"
completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313" w
on|strong = "H3117" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
altar|strong = "H4196" w*, and|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
make|strong = "H6213" bowls|strong = "H3627" and|strong = "H3068"
other|strong = "H3605" gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H3068"
silver|strong = "H3701" things|strong = "H3605" for|strong = "H6213"
the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". As|strong = "H3117"
long|strong = "H3117" as|strong = "H3117" Joash|strong = "H3101"
lived|strong = "H1961", the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3709"
continually|strong = "H8548" brought|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" sacrifices|strong = "H5930"
that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3068"
be|strong = "H1961" completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313"
on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196".

15Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" lived|strong = "H3427" to|strong = "H4191"
become|strong = "H7646" very|strong = "H3966" old|strong = "H1121".

He|strong = "H3117" died|strong = "H4191" when|strong = "H3117"
 he|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H3117" 130 years|strong = "H8141"
 old|strong = "H1121". ¹⁶ He|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H1732"
 buried|strong = "H6912" where|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3588"
 kings|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H3478" been|strong = "H1961"
 buried|strong = "H6912", in|strong = "H3478" w the|strong = "H3588" w* w
 part|strong = "H7992" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w called|strong = "H7121" w*
 'The|strong = "H3588" City|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H4428" David'. w
 He|strong = "H3588" w* w was|strong = "H1732" w* w
 buried|strong = "H6912" w* w there|strong = "H8033" w*
 because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3588"
 good|strong = "H2896" things|strong = "H5973" that|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H3478" done|strong = "H6213"
 in|strong = "H3478" Judah|strong = "H3063" for|strong = "H3588"
 God|strong = "H0430" and|strong = "H3478" for|strong = "H3588"
 God's|strong = "H0430" temple|strong = "H1004".
 Joash|strong = "H3101" and|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3588"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 turned|strong = "H3478" away|strong = "H5973" from|strong = "H3478"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068"

17After|strong = "H0310" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077"
 died|strong = "H4194", the|strong = "H8085" leaders|strong = "H8269"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063" went|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H8085" Joash|strong = "H3101", bowed|strong = "H7812"
 in|strong = "H4428" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428"
 him|strong = "H8085", and|strong = "H3063" persuaded|strong = "H5496"
 him|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H8085" do|strong = "H3063"
 what|strong = "H8085" they|strong = "H4428" wanted|strong = "H2654". ¹⁸
 So|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3063"
 the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H2063" people|strong = "H5800"
 stopped|strong = "H5800" worshiping|strong = "H5647" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H3063"
 they|strong = "H3068" started|strong = "H1961"
 worshiping|strong = "H5647" the|strong = "H5921" poles|strong = "H0905"
 dedicated|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "H3068" w the|strong = "H5921" w*
 w goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842"
 and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H2063" idols|strong = "H6091".
 Because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3068"
 doing|strong = "H6213" those|strong = "H5921" sinful|strong = "H2400"
 things|strong = "H1961", God|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068"
 very|strong = "H7110" angry|strong = "H7110" with|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5800" of|strong = "H1004"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" w

with|strong = "H1004" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 people|strong = "H5800" w* w in|strong = "H5921" w* w
 other|strong = "H2063" w* w places|strong = "H1004" w* w
 in|strong = "H5921" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063". ¹⁹
 Although|strong = "H3808" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H7971"
 prophets|strong = "H5030" to|strong = "H7725" persuade|strong = "H6601"
 them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" return|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H7725" him|strong = "H7971", and|strong = "H3068"
 although|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030"
 tod them|strong = "H7725" about|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3068"
 evil|strong = "H7451" things|strong = "H3808" that|strong = "H3068"
 they|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213",
 the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H3808" would|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" pay|strong = "H7725" attention|strong = "H7181".

20Then|strong = "H5975" God's|strong = "H0430" Spirit|strong = "H7307"
 came|strong = "H3068" upon|strong = "H5921" Zechariah|strong = "H2148",
 the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" the|strong = "H5921" Supreme
 Priest|strong = "H3548". He|strong = "H3588" stood|strong = "H5975"
 up|strong = "H5975" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H1121"
 said|strong = "H0559", "This|strong = "H3541" is|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H4100" God|strong = "H3068" says|strong = "H3541":
 'Why|strong = "H4100" are|strong = "H5971" you|strong = "H3588"
 disobeying what|strong = "H4100" I|strong = "H3588",
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", have|strong = "H3068"
 commanded|strong = "H4687"? You|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 abandoned|strong = "H5800" me|strong = "H5921", so|strong = "H3541"
 I|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068" abandon|strong = "H5800"
 you|strong = "H3588".' "

21But|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 planned|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H3068" kill|strong = "H2026"
 Zechariah|strong = "H2148". And|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" joined|strong = "H7194" them|strong = "H5921"
 in|strong = "H5921" doing|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5921".
 The|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" killed|strong = "H2026"
 Zechariah|strong = "H2148" by|strong = "H5921" throwing|strong = "H3027"
 stones|strong = "H0068" at|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921"
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004"
 courtyard|strong = "H2691". ²² King|strong = "H4428"
 Joash|strong = "H3101" had|strong = "H3068" forgotten|strong = "H7911"
 about|strong = "H6213" how|strong = "H2142" Zechariah's
 father|strong = "H1121" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" had|strong = "H3068"

been|strong = "H2142" kind|strong = "H4327" to|strong = "H4191"
 him|strong = "H6213". That's|strong = "H1696" why|strong = "H3808"
 he|strong = "H6213" gave|strong = "H6213" orders|strong = "H2142"
 for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H7200" people|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H4191" kill|strong = "H2026" Jehoiada's|strong = "H3077"
 son|strong = "H1121" Zechariah|strong = "H2148", who|strong = "H3068"
 said|strong = "H0559" as|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213"
 was|strong = "H3068" dying|strong = "H4191", "I|strong = "H7200"
 hope|strong = "H3176" that|strong = "H7200" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 will|strong = "H3068" see|strong = "H7200" w what|strong = "H6213" w* w
 you|strong = "H6213" w* w are|strong = "H1121" w* w
 doing|strong = "H6213" w* w to|strong = "H4191" w* w
 me|strong = "H7200" w* and|strong = "H1121" punish|strong = "H6213" w
 you|strong = "H6213" w* w for|strong = "H6213" w* w
 doing|strong = "H6213" w* w it|strong = "H6213" w*."

23Near|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" end|strong = "H8622"
 of|strong = "H4428" that|strong = "H5971" year|strong = "H8141"
 (OR|strong = "H4428", early|strong = "H7925" in|strong = "H8141"
 the|strong = "H3605" following|strong = "H0310" year|strong = "H8141"),
 the|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428"
 Syria|strong = "H0758" marched|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H7971"
 attack|strong = "H5927" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 army|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* Joash|strong = "H3101".
 They|strong = "H5921" invaded|strong = "H5927" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" attacked|strong = "H5927" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 and|strong = "H3063" killed|strong = "H2026" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971". They|strong = "H5921" w
 seized|strong = "H8610" w* w many|strong = "H7227" w* w
 valuable|strong = "H3368" w* w things|strong = "H3605" w* w
 and|strong = "H3063" w* sent|strong = "H7971" them|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H7971" their|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 in|strong = "H8141" Damascus|strong = "H1834", w
 their|strong = "H3605" w* w capital|strong = "H5927" w* w
 city|strong = "H5892" w*. ²⁴ The|strong = "H3588" army|strong = "H2428"
 of|strong = "H3068" Syria|strong = "H0758" w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 came|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* was|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H3966"
 small|strong = "H4705", but|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 allowed|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068"
 defeat|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3588" large|strong = "H7230"
 army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H3068"
 punishing|strong = "H7725" Joash|strong = "H3101" and|strong = "H3068"

the|strong = "H3588" other|strong = "H0312" people|strong = "H5800"
of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063" for|strong = "H3588"
having|strong = "H3588" abandoned|strong = "H5800" him|strong = "H5414",
the|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H3588"
their|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
worshiped|strong = "H7812". ²⁵ Before|strong = "H4480"
the|strong = "H5921" battle|strong = "H4421" ended|strong = "H1961",
Joash|strong = "H4251" was|strong = "H1732" severely|strong = "H5953"
wounded|strong = "H2491". Then|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H1732"
officials|strong = "H5650" decided|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H4191"
kill|strong = "H2026" him|strong = "H5921" for|strong = "H3588" murdering
Zechariah|strong = "H2148", the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Jehoiada|strong = "H3077" the|strong = "H5921"
Supreme Priest|strong = "H3548". They|strong = "H3588"
killed|strong = "H2026" him|strong = "H5921" while|strong = "H3588"
he|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H1732" in|strong = "H5921"
his|strong = "H1732" bed|strong = "H4296". He|strong = "H3588"
was|strong = "H1732" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H5921" w
the|strong = "H5921" w* w part|strong = "H4480" w* w
of|strong = "H1121" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* w
called|strong = "H7121" w* w 'The|strong = "H5921" City|strong = "H5892"
of|strong = "H1121" David', but|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
did|strong = "H5650" not|strong = "H3808" bury|strong = "H6912"
him|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
place|strong = "H6913" where|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
other|strong = "H0312" kings|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H1732"
been|strong = "H3808" buried|strong = "H6912".

²⁶ Those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H1121"
conspired|strong = "H7194" to|strong = "H5921" kill|strong = "H2026"
him|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H1121" Zabad|strong = "H2066"
the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
Shimeath|strong = "H8100", who|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H1121"
a|strong = "H5921" woman|strong = "H0802" from|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H5921" Ammon|strong = "H5985" people-group,
and|strong = "H1121" Jehozabad|strong = "H3075" the|strong = "H5921"
son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Shimrith|strong = "H8116",
who|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H1121" a|strong = "H5921"
woman|strong = "H0802" from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
Moab|strong = "H4125" people-group. ²⁷ An|strong = "H4428"
account|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921"
things|strong = "H4853" that|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H1121"
done|strong = "H6213" by|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Joash|strong = "H3101"
and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" many|strong = "H7230"

prophecies|strong="H1697" about|strong="H5921" Joash|strong="H3101"
 and|strong="H1121" what|strong="H5921" he|strong="H1004"
 did|strong="H6213" to|strong="H5921" repair|strong="H2388"
 the|strong="H5921" temple|strong="H1004" are|strong="H1121"
 written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"
 scroll|strong="H5612" called|strong="H7121" 'the|strong="H5921"
 History|strong="H8435" of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H5921"
 Kings|strong="H4428" w of|strong="H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong="H3063" w* w and|strong="H1121" w* w
 Israel|strong="H3478" w*. Then|strong="H4428" after|strong="H5921"
 Joash|strong="H3101" died|strong="H4191", Amaziah|strong="H0558"
 his|strong="H5921" son|strong="H1121" became|strong="H4427"
 the|strong="H5921" king|strong="H4428".

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25Amaziah|strong="H0558" was|strong="H8034" 25
 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121"
 he|strong="H2568" became|strong="H4427" the|strong="H8034"
 king|strong="H4427" w of|strong="H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong="H3063" w*, and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H2568"
 ruled|strong="H4427" from|strong="H1121" Jerusalem|strong="H3389"
 for|strong="H8034" 29 years|strong="H8141". His|strong="H4427"
 mother|strong="H0517" was|strong="H8034" Jehoaddin|strong="H3086";
 she|strong="H6242" was|strong="H8034" from|strong="H1121"
 Jerusalem|strong="H3389". ² Amaziah|strong="H0558"
 did|strong="H6213" many|strong="H3808" things|strong="H3808"
 that|strong="H3068" pleased|strong="H5869" Yahweh|strong="H3068",
 but|strong="H7535" he|strong="H6213" did|strong="H6213"
 not|strong="H3808" do|strong="H6213" them|strong="H6213"
 enthusiastically. ³ As|strong="H1961" soon|strong="H3512"
 as|strong="H1961" he|strong="H5921" was|strong="H1961"
 in|strong="H5921" complete|strong="H3617" control|strong="H2388"
 of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5921" kingdom|strong="H4467",
 he|strong="H5921" caused|strong="H1961" to|strong="H1961"
 be|strong="H1961" executed|strong="H5221" the|strong="H5921"
 officials|strong="H5650" who|strong="H5650" had|strong="H1961"
 murdered|strong="H2026" his|strong="H5921" father|strong="H0001".
⁴ But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" did|strong="H3068"
 not|strong="H3808" command|strong="H6680" their|strong="H3068"
 sons|strong="H1121" to|strong="H4191" be|strong="H4191"
 executed|strong="H4191"; he|strong="H3588" obeyed|strong="H8085"
 what|strong="H3588" was|strong="H3068" in|strong="H5921"
 the|strong="H5921" laws|strong="H8451" that|strong="H3588"
 Moses|strong="H4872" had|strong="H3068" written|strong="H3789".
 In|strong="H5921" those|strong="H5921" laws|strong="H8451"

Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 commanded|strong = "H6680", "People|strong = "H1121"
 must|strong = "H4191" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H4191"
 executed|strong = "H4191" because|strong = "H3588" of|strong = "H1121" w
 what|strong = "H3588" w* their|strong = "H3068" children|strong = "H1121"
 w have|strong = "H3068" w* w done|strong = "H6213" w*,
 and|strong = "H1121" children|strong = "H1121" must|strong = "H4191"
 not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H4191" executed|strong = "H4191"
 for|strong = "H3588" w what|strong = "H3588" w* their|strong = "H3068"
 parents|strong = "H0001" w have|strong = "H3068" w* w
 done|strong = "H6213" w*. People|strong = "H1121" must|strong = "H4191"
 be|strong = "H4191" executed|strong = "H4191" only|strong = "H3588"
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" sins|strong = "H2399"
 that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" themselves|strong = "H5921"
 have|strong = "H3068" committed|strong = "H5921".

5Amaziah|strong = "H0558" summoned|strong = "H6485"
 the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w tribes|strong = "H5975" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3967"
 Benjamin|strong = "H1144" to|strong = "H3318" come|strong = "H3318"
 to|strong = "H3318" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", and|strong = "H3967"
 there|strong = "H5975" he|strong = "H3605" put|strong = "H6485"
 them|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H8141" groups|strong = "H1121",
 each|strong = "H3605" clan|strong = "H4940" in|strong = "H8141"
 a|strong = "H4672" group|strong = "H7235" by|strong = "H8141"
 themselves|strong = "H6908". Then|strong = "H3318" he|strong = "H3605"
 appointed|strong = "H5975" officers|strong = "H8269" to|strong = "H3318"
 command|strong = "H6680" each|strong = "H3605" group|strong = "H7235".
 Some|strong = "H3605" officers|strong = "H8269"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" 100 men|strong = "H1121"
 and|strong = "H3967" some|strong = "H3605" commanded|strong = "H6680"
 1,000 men|strong = "H1121". They|strong = "H8141"
 counted|strong = "H6485" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" at|strong = "H1004"
 least|strong = "H6996" 20 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121";
 altogether|strong = "H3605" there|strong = "H5975" were|strong = "H1121"
 300,000 men|strong = "H1121". They|strong = "H8141"
 were|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" prepared|strong = "H3559"
 to|strong = "H3318" be|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H8141"
 the|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H6635", and|strong = "H3967"
 able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3318" w fight|strong = "H3898" w* w
 well|strong = "H3190" w*, using|strong = "H5927" spears|strong = "H7420"
 and|strong = "H3967" shields|strong = "H6793". ⁶

Amaziah|strong = "H0558" also|strong = "H3478" hired|strong = "H7936"
 100,000 capable|strong = "H2428" soldiers|strong = "H2428"
 from|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3967"
 paid|strong = "H5414" almost|strong = "H4592" four|strong = "H0702" tons
 of|strong = "H3603" silver|strong = "H3701" for|strong = "H3478"
 them|strong = "H7936".

7But|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H3588" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 came|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" him|strong = "H5973"
 and|strong = "H1121" said|strong = "H0559", "Your|strong = "H3068"
 majesty|strong = "H1926", you|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H1121"
 not|strong = "H3588" allow|strong = "H5414" those|strong = "H3605"
 soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 to|strong = "H3478" march|strong = "H1980" with|strong = "H5973"
 your|strong = "H3068" soldiers|strong = "H1121", because|strong = "H3588"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" does|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3588"
 help|strong = "H5826" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" tribe|strong = "H4294"
 of|strong = "H1121" Ephraim|strong = "H0669" or|strong = "H1121"
 from|strong = "H3478" w anywhere|strong = "H3605" w* w
 else|strong = "H3605" w* w in|strong = "H3478" w* Israel|strong = "H3478".

⁸ Even|strong = "H3588" if|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H6440"
 soldiers|strong = "H4421" go|strong = "H1980" and|strong = "H6440"
 fight|strong = "H4421" courageously|strong = "H2388" in|strong = "H6213"
 battles|strong = "H4421", God|strong = "H0430" will|strong = "H5826"
 cause|strong = "H6213" your|strong = "H6440" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 to|strong = "H6213" defeat|strong = "H5221" you|strong = "H3588";
 do|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H6213" forget|strong = "H7911"
 that|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0430" has|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H6440" power|strong = "H3581" to|strong = "H6213"
 help|strong = "H5826" armies|strong = "H6635" or|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H6213" cause|strong = "H6213" them|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H6213" be|strong = "H3426" defeated|strong = "H5221".

9Amaziah|strong = "H0558" asked|strong = "H4100" that|strong = "H3068"
 prophet|strong = "H5030", "If|strong = "H3426" I|strong = "H5414"
 do|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3068", what|strong = "H4100"
 about|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H5414" huge|strong = "H1995"
 amount|strong = "H7235" of|strong = "H3068" silver|strong = "H3701"
 that|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H5414" paid|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3478" hire|strong = "H7939" those|strong = "H6213"
 soldiers|strong = "H3967" from|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478"?"

T he|strong = "H5414" prophet|strong = "H5030" replied|strong = "H0559",
 "Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" able|strong = "H3201"

to|strong = "H3478" pay|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414"
back|strong = "H7725" more|strong = "H7235" money|strong = "H3701"
than|strong = "H7235" you|strong = "H5414" paid|strong = "H5414" w
to|strong = "H3478" w* w hire|strong = "H7939" w* w
those|strong = "H6213" w* w soldiers|strong = "H3967" w*."

10So|strong = "H7725" Amaziah|strong = "H0558" told|strong = "H5046"
those|strong = "H1992" soldiers|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H7725"
Israel|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H7725" return|strong = "H7725"
home|strong = "H4725". They|strong = "H3063" left|strong = "H7725"
to|strong = "H7725" go|strong = "H3212" home|strong = "H4725",
but|strong = "H7725" they|strong = "H3063" were|strong = "H3063"
very|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3212"
the|strong = "H7725" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4725"
Judah|strong = "H3063" w for|strong = "H4725" w* w
not|strong = "H7725" w* allowing w them|strong = "H7725" w* w
to|strong = "H7725" w* w stay|strong = "H3427" w* w
and|strong = "H3063" w* w fight|strong = "H3898" w*.

11Then|strong = "H1121" Amaziah|strong = "H0558"
became|strong = "H2388" brave|strong = "H2428", and|strong = "H1121"
he|strong = "H5221" led|strong = "H3212" his|strong = "H5221"
army|strong = "H5971" to|strong = "H3212" the|strong = "H5221"
Salt|strong = "H4417" Valley|strong = "H1516". There|strong = "H8033"
they|strong = "H5971" killed|strong = "H5221" 10,000 men|strong = "H1121"
from|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5221" Edom|strong = "H0112"
people-group. ¹² The|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H2428"
of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" also|strong = "H1121"
captured|strong = "H7617" 10,000 others|strong = "H0312",
and|strong = "H1121" took|strong = "H7617" them|strong = "H7617"
to|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" top|strong = "H7218"
of|strong = "H1121" a|strong = "H7993" cliff|strong = "H5553"
and|strong = "H1121" threw|strong = "H7993" them|strong = "H7617"
all|strong = "H3605" down|strong = "H7993" over|strong = "H7218"
the|strong = "H3605" cliff|strong = "H5553", with|strong = "H7218"
the|strong = "H3605" result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H3605"
their|strong = "H3605" corpses|strong = "H6297" were|strong = "H1121"
all|strong = "H3605" smashed|strong = "H7665" to|strong = "H1121"
pieces|strong = "H1234".

13While|strong = "H5704" that|strong = "H5892" was|strong = "H5892"
happening, the|strong = "H5221" soldiers|strong = "H4421"
from|strong = "H7725" Israel|strong = "H4421" whom|strong = "H1992"
Amaziah|strong = "H0558" had|strong = "H3063" sent|strong = "H7725"
home|strong = "H7725" after|strong = "H1992" not|strong = "H7725"

allowing them|strong = "H1992" to|strong = "H5704" fight|strong = "H4421" along|strong = "H5973" with|strong = "H5973" his|strong = "H7725" soldiers|strong = "H4421", raided|strong = "H6584" cities|strong = "H5892" and|strong = "H1121" towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H3212" Judea|strong = "H3061", from|strong = "H7725" Samaria|strong = "H8111" w city|strong = "H5892" w* to|strong = "H5704" Beth-Horon|strong = "H1032" w town|strong = "H5892" w*. They|strong = "H1992" killed|strong = "H5221" 3,000 people|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" took|strong = "H7725" away|strong = "H7725" a|strong = "H5221" great|strong = "H7227" amount|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1121" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H7969".

14When|strong = "H1961" Amaziah|strong = "H0558" returned|strong = "H7725" w to|strong = "H1961" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* after|strong = "H1961" his|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428" had|strong = "H1961" slaughtered|strong = "H5221" the|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H1121" from|strong = "H6440" Edom|strong = "H0112", he|strong = "H5221" brought|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H6440" idols|strong = "H1544" that|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H1961" worshiped|strong = "H7812" by|strong = "H5975" the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Edom|strong = "H0112". He|strong = "H5221" set|strong = "H5975" them|strong = "H6440" up|strong = "H5975" to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" his|strong = "H6440" own|strong = "H1961" gods|strong = "H0430". Then|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H5221" bowed|strong = "H7812" down|strong = "H7812" to|strong = "H1961" w worship|strong = "H7812" w* them|strong = "H6440" and|strong = "H1121" offered|strong = "H6999" sacrifices|strong = "H6999" to|strong = "H1961" them|strong = "H6440". ¹⁵ Because|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H5971", Yahweh|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H2734" angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" Amaziah|strong = "H0558". He|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H7971" prophet|strong = "H5030" to|strong = "H3068" him|strong = "H7971", who|strong = "H5971" said|strong = "H0559", "Why|strong = "H4100" do|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H7971" worship|strong = "H7812" these|strong = "H5971" foreign|strong = "H5237" gods|strong = "H0430" that|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H5971" not|strong = "H3808" even|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3068" save|strong = "H5337" their|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H5971" people|strong = "H5971" when|strong = "H7971" your|strong = "H3068" army|strong = "H5971" attacked|strong = "H3027" them|strong = "H7971"?"

16While|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H1961" still|strong = "H3588" speaking|strong = "H1696", the|strong = "H8085"

king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696" him|strong = "H5414", "We|strong = "H3588" certainly|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" appoint|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H1696" be|strong = "H1961" one|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H4428" my|strong = "H8085" advisors. So|strong = "H6213" stop|strong = "H2308" w talking|strong = "H1696" w*! If|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" say|strong = "H1696" anything|strong = "H4100" more|strong = "H3808", w I|strong = "H3588" w* w will|strong = "H1961" w* w tell|strong = "H1696" w* w my|strong = "H8085" w* w soldiers|strong = "H5650" w* w to|strong = "H1696" w* kill|strong = "H5221" you|strong = "H3588"!"

S o|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H8085" prophet|strong = "H5030" said|strong = "H1696", "I|strong = "H3588" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H5414" has|strong = "H1961" determined|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H1696" get|strong = "H6213" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H4428" you|strong = "H3588", because|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H1961" w begun|strong = "H2490" w* w to|strong = "H1696" w* worship|strong = "H7812" idols|strong = "H1544", and|strong = "H4428" have|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H3808" heeded|strong = "H8085" my|strong = "H8085" advice|strong = "H6098"." Then|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H8085" prophet|strong = "H5030" said|strong = "H1696" nothing|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H3808".

17Some|strong = "H4480" time|strong = "H6440" later|strong = "H0310" Amaziah|strong = "H3289", the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063", consulted|strong = "H3289" his|strong = "H7971" advisors. Then|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H7971" sent|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H7971" message|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H1980" Jehoash|strong = "H3060", the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478". He|strong = "H7971" wrote|strong = "H3789", "Come|strong = "H1980" here|strong = "H6311" and|strong = "H1121" let's|strong = "H1980" talk|strong = "H1696" together|strong = "H3289"."

18But|strong = "H4428" Jehoash|strong = "H3060" replied|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3478" King|strong = "H4428" Amaziah|strong = "H0558", "One|strong = "H1121" time|strong = "H3478" a|strong = "H5414" thistle|strong = "H2336" growing|strong = "H5927" w in|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H5414" w* w mountains|strong = "H2022" w* in|strong = "H3478" Lebanon|strong = "H3844" sent|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H5414" message|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H3478" a|strong = "H5414" cedar|strong = "H0730" tree|strong = "H6086" saying|strong = "H0559",

‘Let|strong = "H7971" your|strong = "H5414" daughter|strong = "H1323"
 marry|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H5414" son|strong = "H1121".’
 But|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H5414" wild|strong = "H7704"
 animal|strong = "H2416" in|strong = "H3478" Lebanon|strong = "H3844"
 came|strong = "H3478" along|strong = "H5674" and|strong = "H1121"
 trampled|strong = "H7429" the|strong = "H5414" thistle|strong = "H2336"
 under|strong = "H7429" its|strong = "H5414" feet|strong = "H7429". ¹⁹ w
 The|strong = "H5221" w* w meaning|strong = "H0998" w* w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* w what|strong = "H4100" w* w I|strong = "H2009" w* w
 w am|strong = "H1961" w* w saying|strong = "H0559" w* w
 is|strong = "H3820" w* w that|strong = "H5307" w* w you|strong = "H5973"
 are|strong = "H4100" saying|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3820"
 yourself|strong = "H5307" that|strong = "H5307" your|strong = "H5375"
 army|strong = "H3427" has|strong = "H3820" defeated|strong = "H5221"
 the|strong = "H5221" army|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H1004"
 Edom|strong = "H0112", so|strong = "H6258" you|strong = "H5973"
 have|strong = "H3063" become|strong = "H5375" very|strong = "H6258"
 proud|strong = "H5375". But|strong = "H2009" you|strong = "H5973"
 should|strong = "H4100" stay|strong = "H3427" at|strong = "H3427"
 your|strong = "H5375" home|strong = "H1004". It|strong = "H5375"
 would|strong = "H4100" not|strong = "H5375" be|strong = "H3820"
 good|strong = "H4100" for|strong = "H3427" you|strong = "H5973"
 to|strong = "H3820" cause|strong = "H2600" trouble|strong = "H7451",
 which|strong = "H1004" would|strong = "H4100" result|strong = "H6903"
 in|strong = "H3427" you|strong = "H5973" and|strong = "H3063"
 your|strong = "H5375" kingdom|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "H1004"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" being|strong = "H1004"
 destroyed|strong = "H5221".”

20But|strong = "H3588" Amaziah|strong = "H0558"
 refused|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H5414" heed|strong = "H8085"
 Jehoash’s|strong = "H3060" message|strong = "H1697".
 That|strong = "H3588" happened|strong = "H1961" because|strong = "H3588"
 God|strong = "H5414" wanted|strong = "H4616" Jehoash’s|strong = "H3060"
 army|strong = "H2428" to|strong = "H5414" defeat|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414", because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 were|strong = "H3027" worshiping|strong = "H7812" the|strong = "H8085"
 gods|strong = "H0430" of|strong = "H3027" Edom|strong = "H0112". ²¹
 So|strong = "H5927" Jehoash’s|strong = "H3060" army|strong = "H5927"
 attacked|strong = "H5927". Their|strong = "H6440" two|strong = "H8147"
 armies|strong = "H6635" faced|strong = "H6440" each|strong = "H0376"
 other|strong = "H0312" at|strong = "H3478" Beth-Shemesh|strong = "H1053"
 w city|strong = "H1931" w* in|strong = "H3478" Judah|strong = "H3063". ²²
 The|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H6440"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" was|strong = "H3478" badly|strong = "H3966"

defeated|strong = "H5062" by|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H6440" Israel|strong = "H3478", and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" soldiers|strong = "H5650" of|strong = "H6440" Judah|strong = "H3063" fled|strong = "H5127" to|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H6440" homes|strong = "H1004". ²³ King|strong = "H4428" Jehoash's|strong = "H3060" army|strong = "H3389" also|strong = "H3478" captured|strong = "H8610" King|strong = "H4428" Amaziah|strong = "H0558" there|strong = "H5704". Then|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H5704" brought|strong = "H3478" Amaziah|strong = "H0558" to|strong = "H5704" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", and|strong = "H3967" his|strong = "H3478" soldiers|strong = "H1121" tore|strong = "H6555" down|strong = "H6555" the|strong = "H5704" wall|strong = "H2346" w that|strong = "H3478" w* w was|strong = "H3478" w* w around|strong = "H6437" w* w the|strong = "H5704" w* w city|strong = "H8179" w*, from|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H5704" Ephraim|strong = "H0669" Gate|strong = "H8179" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5704" Corner|strong = "H6437" Gate|strong = "H8179". That|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3478" a|strong = "H3478" section|strong = "H4060" that|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3478" about|strong = "H4428" 600 feet|strong = "H7272" long|strong = "H5704". ²⁴ His|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H1121" also|strong = "H4428" carried|strong = "H7725" away|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" gold|strong = "H2091" and|strong = "H1121" silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H3605" valuable|strong = "H3368" furnishings|strong = "H3627" from|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" which|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Obed-Edom|strong = "H5654" had|strong = "H4428" previously|strong = "H8543" been|strong = "H3605" guarding|strong = "H8104". They|strong = "H3605" also|strong = "H4428" took|strong = "H4428" away|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" palace|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H3605" took|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H7725" Samaria|strong = "H8111" some|strong = "H3605" prisoners|strong = "H0615" whom|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H4428" captured|strong = "H3920".

25King|strong = "H4428" Jehoash|strong = "H3060" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" died|strong = "H4191", and|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428" Amaziah|strong = "H0558" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" lived|strong = "H2421" for|strong = "H1121" 15 years|strong = "H8141" after|strong = "H8141" that|strong = "H3478". ²⁶ An|strong = "H3063" account|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312"

things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697" Amaziah|strong = "H0558"
 did|strong = "H3478" while|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3808"
 was|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* is|strong = "H1697"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 scroll|strong = "H5612" called|strong = "H7121" 'The|strong = "H5921"
 History|strong = "H8435" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 Kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" Israel'. ²⁷ From|strong = "H5493"
 the|strong = "H5921" time|strong = "H6256" that|strong = "H3068"
 Amaziah|strong = "H0558" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H4191"
 disobey|strong = "H0854" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", some|strong = "H8033"
 men|strong = "H0376" in|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 planned|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H4191" kill|strong = "H4191"
 him|strong = "H5921". He|strong = "H8033" was|strong = "H3068"
 able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H4191" escape|strong = "H5127"
 to|strong = "H4191" Lachish|strong = "H3923" w city|strong = "H5892" w*,
 but|strong = "H3068" those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H3068"
 wanted|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H4191" kill|strong = "H4191"
 him|strong = "H5921" sent|strong = "H7971" another|strong = "H0312"
 group|strong = "H7235" of|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971"
 to|strong = "H4191" Lachish|strong = "H3923" and|strong = "H3068"
 killed|strong = "H4191" him|strong = "H5921" there|strong = "H8033". ²⁸
 They|strong = "H5921" put|strong = "H5375" his|strong = "H5375"
 corpse|strong = "H5038" on|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H5375"
 horse|strong = "H5483" and|strong = "H3063" brought|strong = "H5375"
 it|strong = "H5921" back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5921"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" buried|strong = "H6912"
 it|strong = "H5921" where|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5375"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" w had|strong = "H3063" w* w
 been|strong = "H5375" w* w buried|strong = "H6912" w* in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" part|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H5892"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" called|strong = "H7121" 'The|strong = "H5921"
 City|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H5892" David'.
 King Uzziah of Judah

26 ¹⁻² After|strong = "H0310" King|strong = "H4428"
 Amaziah|strong = "H0558" died|strong = "H4191", all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" appointed|strong = "H4150" his|strong = "H3605"
 son|strong = "H1121" Uzziah|strong = "H5818", who|strong = "H0834"
 then|strong = "H0227" was|strong = "H3068" 16 years|strong = "H8141"
 old|strong = "H1121", as|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428". w One|strong = "H0259" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 w the|strong = "H3605" w* w things|strong = "H1697" w* w

that|strong = "H0834" w* w happened|strong = "H1961" w*
 while|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" w was|strong = "H3068" w* w
 that|strong = "H0834" w* his|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H0376"
 captured|strong = "H3920" Elath|strong = "H0359" w
 town|strong = "H7151" w* w on|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* Gulf w of|strong = "H1121" w* Aqaba
 and|strong = "H3967" rebuilt|strong = "H1129" it|strong = "H5414".

3Uzziah|strong = "H5818" ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H8034" 52 years|strong = "H8141".
 His|strong = "H4480" mother|strong = "H0517" was|strong = "H8034"
 Jecoliah|strong = "H3203"; she|strong = "H8147" was|strong = "H8034"
 from|strong = "H4480" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". 4
 Uzziah|strong = "H5818" did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" considered
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H5869",
 like|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H3605" father|strong = "H0001"
 Amaziah|strong = "H0558" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213". 5
 He|strong = "H3117" tried|strong = "H6884" to|strong = "H3068"
 please|strong = "H4994" God|strong = "H3068" while|strong = "H1961" w
 the|strong = "H7200" w* w priest|strong = "H3548" w*
 Zechariah|strong = "H2148" was|strong = "H3068" living|strong = "H2416",
 because|strong = "H3117" Zechariah|strong = "H2148"
 taught|strong = "H7200" him|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3068"
 revere|strong = "H3372" God|strong = "H3068". As|strong = "H3117"
 long|strong = "H3117" as|strong = "H3117" Uzziah|strong = "H5818"
 tried|strong = "H6884" to|strong = "H3068" please|strong = "H4994"
 God|strong = "H3068", God|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414"
 him|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1961"
 successful|strong = "H6743".

6Uzziah|strong = "H5818" and|strong = "H5892" his|strong = "H1129"
 army|strong = "H2428" started|strong = "H1129" to|strong = "H3318"
 fight|strong = "H3898" against|strong = "H3898" the|strong = "H1129"
 army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H5892" Philistia|strong = "H6429".
 They|strong = "H6430" tore|strong = "H6555" down|strong = "H6555"
 the|strong = "H1129" walls|strong = "H2346" of|strong = "H5892"
 Gath|strong = "H1661", Jabneh|strong = "H2996", and|strong = "H5892"
 Ashdod|strong = "H0795" w cities|strong = "H5892" w*.
 Then|strong = "H3318" they|strong = "H6430" rebuilt|strong = "H1129"
 the|strong = "H1129" towns|strong = "H5892" near|strong = "H7126"
 Ashdod|strong = "H0795" and|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892"
 other|strong = "H0312" places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5892"
 Philistia|strong = "H6429". 7 God|strong = "H0430"

helped|strong = "H5826" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921"
 fight|strong = "H3898" the|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H3427"
 of|strong = "H3427" Philistia|strong = "H6429" and|strong = "H6430"
 the|strong = "H5921" Arabs|strong = "H6163" who|strong = "H3427"
 lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 town|strong = "H7151" w* w of|strong = "H3427" w*
 Gur-Baal|strong = "H1485" and|strong = "H6430" the|strong = "H5921"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3427" Meun
 who|strong = "H3427" had|strong = "H6430" come|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H6430" area|strong = "H1508"
 from|strong = "H5921" Edom|strong = "H0112". ⁸ Even|strong = "H5704"
 the|strong = "H3588" Ammon|strong = "H5984" people-group
 paid|strong = "H5414" taxes|strong = "H4061" to|strong = "H5704"
 Uzziah|strong = "H5818" each|strong = "H5414" year|strong = "H8141".
 So|strong = "H5414" Uzziah|strong = "H5818" became|strong = "H2388"
 famous|strong = "H8034" as|strong = "H5704" far|strong = "H5704"
 as|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3588" border|strong = "H1366"
 of|strong = "H8034" Egypt|strong = "H4714", because|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H3588" become|strong = "H1961"
 very|strong = "H5704" powerful|strong = "H2388".

9Uzziah's|strong = "H5818" w workers|strong = "H1129" w*
 built|strong = "H1129" watchtowers in|strong = "H5921"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 Corner|strong = "H6438" Gate|strong = "H8179", at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" Valley|strong = "H1516" Gate|strong = "H8179",
 and|strong = "H3389" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 place|strong = "H4725" where|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 wall|strong = "H2346" turns|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H3389"
 they|strong = "H5921" placed|strong = "H5414" weapons|strong = "H3627"
 in|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921". ¹⁰ They|strong = "H3588"
 also|strong = "H3588" built|strong = "H1129" watchtowers
 in|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H3588" desert|strong = "H4057"
 and|strong = "H2022" dug|strong = "H2658" many|strong = "H7227"
 wells|strong = "H0875". They|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H2022"
 that|strong = "H3588" w to|strong = "H1961" w* w
 provide|strong = "H6213" w* w water|strong = "H4325" w*
 for|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H1961" lot|strong = "H1486"
 of|strong = "H2022" the|strong = "H3588" king's|strong = "H4428"
 cattle|strong = "H4735" that|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H3588" foothills|strong = "H8219"
 and|strong = "H2022" in|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H3588"
 plains|strong = "H4334". Uzziah|strong = "H5818" liked|strong = "H7521"
 farming|strong = "H0376", so|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H3588"
 also|strong = "H3588" stationed|strong = "H5975" workers|strong = "H1129"

w to|strong = "H1961" w* w take|strong = "H1961" w* w
 care|strong = "H3027" w* w of|strong = "H2022" w* his|strong = "H1961"
 fields|strong = "H7704" and|strong = "H2022" vineyards|strong = "H3754"
 in|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H3588" hills|strong = "H2022"
 and|strong = "H2022" in|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H3588"
 fertile|strong = "H3759" areas|strong = "H0776".

11 Uzziah's|strong = "H5818" army|strong = "H2428" was|strong = "H1961"
 trained|strong = "H6635" for|strong = "H5921" fighting|strong = "H4421"
 battles|strong = "H4421". They|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218" that|strong = "H4428"
 were|strong = "H1961" always|strong = "H3605" ready|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H3318" go|strong = "H3318" into|strong = "H5921"
 battle|strong = "H4421". Jeiel|strong = "H3273", the|strong = "H5921"
 king's|strong = "H4428" secretary|strong = "H5608", and|strong = "H4428"
 Maaseiah|strong = "H4641", one|strong = "H1961" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H2428" officers|strong = "H7860",
 counted|strong = "H5608" the|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H2428"
 and|strong = "H4428" placed|strong = "H1961" them|strong = "H5921"
 in|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218". Hananiah|strong = "H2608",
 one|strong = "H1961" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 king's|strong = "H4428" officials|strong = "H8269", was|strong = "H1961"
 their|strong = "H5921" commander|strong = "H8269". ¹²

There|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H2428" 2,600
 leaders|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H7218" those|strong = "H3605"
 groups|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H7218" soldiers|strong = "H2428". ¹³
 In|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218"
 that|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H5921" leaders|strong = "H7218"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" there|strong = "H8033" were|strong = "H3027"
 a|strong = "H6213" total|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" 307,500
 well-trained|strong = "H0970" soldiers|strong = "H4421". It|strong = "H5921"
 was|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H6213" very|strong = "H6213"
 powerful|strong = "H3581" army|strong = "H2428" which|strong = "H2428"
 was|strong = "H4428" ready|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213"
 help|strong = "H5826" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 fight|strong = "H4421" against|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921"
 enemies|strong = "H3027". ¹⁴ Uzziah|strong = "H5818"
 gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3559" each|strong = "H3605"
 soldier|strong = "H6635" a|strong = "H3559" shield|strong = "H4043",
 a|strong = "H3559" spear|strong = "H7420", a|strong = "H3559"
 helmet|strong = "H3553", a|strong = "H3559" vest made|strong = "H3559"
 of|strong = "H6635" iron|strong = "H1270" plates|strong = "H7554",
 a|strong = "H3559" bow|strong = "H7198" w and|strong = "H4043" w* w
 arrows|strong = "H7198" w*, and|strong = "H4043" a|strong = "H3559"
 slingshot. ¹⁵ In|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"

his|strong = "H5921" skilled|strong = "H2450" workers|strong = "H6213"
 made|strong = "H6213" machines to|strong = "H5704" put|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" watchtowers
 and|strong = "H1419" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 corners|strong = "H6438" w of|strong = "H8034" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w walls|strong = "H2346" w*, to|strong = "H5704"
 shoot|strong = "H3384" arrows|strong = "H2678" and|strong = "H1419"
 to|strong = "H5704" hurl|strong = "H2904" large|strong = "H1419"
 stones|strong = "H0068". He|strong = "H3588" became|strong = "H1961"
 very|strong = "H5704" famous|strong = "H8034" even|strong = "H5704"
 in|strong = "H5921" distant|strong = "H7350" places|strong = "H1116",
 because|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0430" helped|strong = "H5826"
 him|strong = "H5921" very|strong = "H5704" much|strong = "H6213"
 and|strong = "H1419" enabled|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H5704" become|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H5704"
 powerful|strong = "H2388".

16But|strong = "H3068" because|strong = "H5921"
 Uzziah|strong = "H5818" was|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H5704"
 powerful|strong = "H2392", he|strong = "H5704" became|strong = "H4603"
 very|strong = "H5704" proud|strong = "H1361", and|strong = "H3068"
 that|strong = "H3068" led|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H5704"
 his|strong = "H3068" being|strong = "H3068" punished|strong = "H6485".
 He|strong = "H5704" disobeyed|strong = "H4603" what|strong = "H5921"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068"
 had|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H6680". He|strong = "H5704"
 went|strong = "H3068" into|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 temple|strong = "H1964" to|strong = "H5704" burn|strong = "H6999"
 incense|strong = "H7004" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 altar|strong = "H4196" w where|strong = "H5921" w* w
 God|strong = "H3068" w* w had|strong = "H3068" w* w
 said|strong = "H0559" w* w that|strong = "H3068" w* w
 only|strong = "H5704" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 priests|strong = "H3548" w* w should|strong = "H3068" w* w
 burn|strong = "H6999" w* incense|strong = "H7004". ¹⁷
 Azariah|strong = "H5838" the|strong = "H3068" Supreme
 Priest|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H1121" 80 other|strong = "H0312"
 brave|strong = "H2428" priests|strong = "H3548" followed|strong = "H0310"
 him|strong = "H5973" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004". ¹⁸ They|strong = "H3588"
 rebuked|strong = "H1605" him|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H1121"
 said|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" him|strong = "H5921",
 "Uzziah|strong = "H5818", it|strong = "H5921" is|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" right|strong = "H3068" for|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H3318" burn|strong = "H6999"

incense|strong = "H6999" to|strong = "H3318" w honor|strong = "H3519" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". That|strong = "H3588" duty|strong = "H5921"
 is|strong = "H3068" only|strong = "H3588" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548", those|strong = "H4480"
 who|strong = "H3068" are|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Aaron|strong = "H0175" w our|strong = "H3068" w* w
 first|strong = "H1121" w* Supreme w Priest|strong = "H3548" w*!
 You|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H1121" leave|strong = "H3318" w
 immediately|strong = "H6965" w*, because|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068" disobeyed|strong = "H4603"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068",
 and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" honor|strong = "H3519" you|strong = "H3588" w
 for|strong = "H3588" w* w what|strong = "H3588" w* w
 you|strong = "H3588" w* w have|strong = "H3068" w* w
 done|strong = "H4603" w*!"

19Uzziah|strong = "H5818" had|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H3068" hand|strong = "H3027" a|strong = "H3068"
 pan|strong = "H3709" for|strong = "H5921" burning|strong = "H6999"
 incense|strong = "H7004". He|strong = "H3068" became|strong = "H3205"
 very|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H5973"
 the|strong = "H6440" priests|strong = "H3548", but|strong = "H3068"
 suddenly|strong = "H6597" there|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068"
 leprosy|strong = "H6883" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3068"
 forehead|strong = "H4696". ²⁰ When|strong = "H3588"
 Azariah|strong = "H5838" the|strong = "H3605" Supreme
 Priest|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" w
 who|strong = "H3605" w* w were|strong = "H7218" w* w
 there|strong = "H8033" w* looked|strong = "H6437" at|strong = "H3068"
 him|strong = "H3318", they|strong = "H3588" saw|strong = "H2009"
 the|strong = "H3605" leprosy|strong = "H6883" on|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3605" forehead|strong = "H4696", so|strong = "H3318"
 they|strong = "H3588" quickly|strong = "H1765" took|strong = "H3318"
 him|strong = "H3318" outside|strong = "H3318". And|strong = "H3068"
 truly|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 was|strong = "H3068" eager|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "H3318"
 leave|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004",
 because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" knew|strong = "H3045"
 that|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318"
 have|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3588" leprosy|strong = "H6883", w
 and|strong = "H3068" w* w he|strong = "H1931" w* w

did|strong = "H3068" w* w not|strong = "H3588" w* w
 want|strong = "H4270" w* w it|strong = "H1931" w* w to|strong = "H3318" w*
 w become|strong = "H3318" w* w worse|strong = "H7489" w*.

21King|strong = "H4428" Uzziah|strong = "H5818" had|strong = "H3068"
 leprosy|strong = "H6883" until|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H3588"
 died|strong = "H4194". And|strong = "H1121" because|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H3068" leprosy|strong = "H6883",
 he|strong = "H3588" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 a|strong = "H1961" house|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3588"
 was|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H1961" near|strong = "H5921"
 other|strong = "H0312" houses|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H1961"
 allowed|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H5704" enter|strong = "H8199" w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w courtyard|strong = "H2691" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004".
 His|strong = "H3068" son|strong = "H1121" Jotham|strong = "H3147"
 supervised|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" palace|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H1121" ruled|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063".

22A|strong = "H3789" record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H1121"
 all|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697" other|strong = "H0312"
 things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697" Uzziah|strong = "H5818"
 did|strong = "H1697" while|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H1697"
 was|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428" w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* was|strong = "H1697"
 written|strong = "H3789" by|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H1697"
 prophet|strong = "H5030" Isaiah|strong = "H3470", the|strong = "H1697"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Amoz|strong = "H0531". ²³
 Because|strong = "H3588" Uzziah|strong = "H5818" was|strong = "H1931"
 a|strong = "H3588" leper|strong = "H6879", w when|strong = "H3588" w* w
 he|strong = "H1931" w* w died|strong = "H4191" w*, they|strong = "H3588"
 would|strong = "H4428" not|strong = "H3588" bury|strong = "H6912"
 him|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3588"
 tombs|strong = "H6913" where|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3588"
 other|strong = "H0312" kings|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H1121"
 buried|strong = "H6912". Instead|strong = "H8478", he|strong = "H1931"
 was|strong = "H1931" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H4428"
 a|strong = "H3588" nearby|strong = "H7138" cemetery that|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" kings|strong = "H4428" owned|strong = "H3426".
 Then|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3588" son|strong = "H1121"
 Jotham|strong = "H3147" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*.

King Jotham of Judah

27 Jotham^{strong = "H3147"} was^{strong = "H8034"} 25 years^{strong = "H8141"} old^{strong = "H1121"} when^{strong = "H1121"} he^{strong = "H2568"} became^{strong = "H4427"} the^{strong = "H6659"} king^{strong = "H4427"} of^{strong = "H1121"} Judah^{strong = "H3063"}. He^{strong = "H2568"} ruled^{strong = "H4427"} from^{strong = "H1121"} Jerusalem^{strong = "H3389"} for^{strong = "H8034"} 16 years^{strong = "H8141"}. His^{strong = "H3147"} mother^{strong = "H0517"} was^{strong = "H8034"} Jerushah^{strong = "H3388"}, the^{strong = "H6659"} daughter^{strong = "H1323"} of^{strong = "H1121"} w the^{strong = "H6659"}w* w priest^{strong = "H3548"}w* Zadok^{strong = "H6659"}. ² Jotham^{strong = "H3147"} did^{strong = "H6213"} many^{strong = "H3808"} things^{strong = "H3605"} that^{strong = "H5971"} pleased^{strong = "H5869"} Yahweh^{strong = "H3068"} like^{strong = "H3808"} his^{strong = "H3605"} father^{strong = "H0001"} Uzziah^{strong = "H5818"} did^{strong = "H6213"}. He^{strong = "H6213"} obeyed^{strong = "H8085"} Yahweh^{strong = "H3068"} and^{strong = "H3068"} did^{strong = "H6213"} things^{strong = "H3605"} that^{strong = "H5971"} are^{strong = "H5971"} right^{strong = "H3477"}. He^{strong = "H6213"} did^{strong = "H6213"} many^{strong = "H3808"} things^{strong = "H3605"} that^{strong = "H5971"} his^{strong = "H3605"} father^{strong = "H0001"} Uzziah^{strong = "H5818"} had^{strong = "H3068"} done^{strong = "H6213"}, but^{strong = "H7535"} he^{strong = "H6213"} did^{strong = "H6213"} not^{strong = "H3808"} burn^{strong = "H8313"} incense^{strong = "H7004"} in^{strong = "H3068"} the^{strong = "H3605"} temple^{strong = "H1964"}, like^{strong = "H3808"} his^{strong = "H3605"} father^{strong = "H0001"} had^{strong = "H3068"} done^{strong = "H6213"}. However^{strong = "H7535"}, the^{strong = "H3605"} people^{strong = "H5971"} of^{strong = "H3068"} Judah^{strong = "H3063"} continued^{strong = "H5750"} to^{strong = "H3068"} sin^{strong = "H2403"} against^{strong = "H3068"} Yahweh^{strong = "H3068"}.

3 Jotham's^{strong = "H3147"} w workers^{strong = "H1129"}w* rebuilt^{strong = "H1129"} the^{strong = "H3068"} Upper^{strong = "H5945"} Gate^{strong = "H8179"} of^{strong = "H1004"} the^{strong = "H3068"} temple^{strong = "H1004"}, and^{strong = "H3068"} they^{strong = "H3068"} did^{strong = "H3068"} a^{strong = "H1129"} lot^{strong = "H1486"} of^{strong = "H1004"} work^{strong = "H4399"} to^{strong = "H3068"} repair^{strong = "H2388"} the^{strong = "H3068"} wall^{strong = "H2346"} near^{strong = "H7126"} Ophel^{strong = "H6077"} w Hill^{strong = "H2022"}w*. ⁴ They^{strong = "H3063"} built^{strong = "H1129"} towns^{strong = "H5892"} in^{strong = "H5892"} the^{strong = "H1129"} hills^{strong = "H2022"} of^{strong = "H5892"} Judah^{strong = "H3063"}, and^{strong = "H3063"} they^{strong = "H3063"} built^{strong = "H1129"} forts^{strong = "H1785"} and^{strong = "H3063"} defense^{strong = "H4581"} towers^{strong = "H4026"} in^{strong = "H5892"} the^{strong = "H1129"} forests^{strong = "H2793"}.

5 During the time that the king of Judah attacked and defeated the army of Ammon. Then during the three years, he required him silver, 60,000 bushels of wheat and 60,000 bushels of barley.

6 Jotham obeyed God, and a became a very powerful king.

7 A record of everything Jotham did during the time he was king, including wars, is written in the scroll called 'w the w History w of Kings of Israel and Judah'.⁸ After Jotham had ruled 16 years, he died when he was 41 years old.⁹ He was buried in Jerusalem, and his son Ahaz became

the|strong = "H8478" king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
Judah|strong = "H3063" w*.
King Ahaz of Judah

28Ahaz|strong = "H0271" was|strong = "H3068" 20 years|strong = "H8141"
old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213"
became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H6213" king|strong = "H4427" w
of|strong = "H1121" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. He|strong = "H6213"
ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
for|strong = "H6213" 16 years|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H3068"
ancestor King|strong = "H4427" David|strong = "H1732"
was|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H6213" good|strong = "H5869"
king|strong = "H4427", but|strong = "H3808" Ahaz|strong = "H0271"
was|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H3808"
David|strong = "H1732". He|strong = "H6213" constantly|strong = "H8548"
disobeyed|strong = "H6963" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" ²
and|strong = "H3478" was|strong = "H3478" as|strong = "H6213"
sinful|strong = "H2400" as|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213"
kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478"
had|strong = "H3478" been|strong = "H1961". He|strong = "H6213"
made|strong = "H6213" idols|strong = "H1544" of|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H6213" god|strong = "H0430" Baal|strong = "H1168". ³
He|strong = "H1931" burned|strong = "H6999" incense|strong = "H6999"
in|strong = "H3478" Hinnom|strong = "H2011" Valley|strong = "H1516".
He|strong = "H1931" even|strong = "H1571" w killed|strong = "H2026" w* w
some|strong = "H4480" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* his|strong = "H6440"
own|strong = "H6440" sons|strong = "H1121" w and|strong = "H1121" w*
offered|strong = "H6999" w them|strong = "H6440" w* as|strong = "H6440"
sacrifices|strong = "H6999" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H1121"
completely|strong = "H3423" burned|strong = "H6999".
That|strong = "H1931" imitated the|strong = "H6440"
disgusting|strong = "H8441" customs|strong = "H2708" of|strong = "H1121"
the|strong = "H6440" people-groups who|strong = "H1931"
previously|strong = "H6440" lived|strong = "H3427" there|strong = "H6440",
people|strong = "H1471" whom|strong = "H6440" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
had|strong = "H3478" expelled|strong = "H3423" as|strong = "H6440"
the|strong = "H6440" Israelis advanced|strong = "H0935"
through|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H6440" land|strong = "H6440". ⁴
Ahaz|strong = "H0271" offered|strong = "H2076" sacrifices|strong = "H6999"
w to|strong = "H5921" w* w idols|strong = "H1544" w* at|strong = "H5921"
shrines|strong = "H1354" on|strong = "H5921" hilltops and|strong = "H6086"
under|strong = "H8478" every|strong = "H3605" big|strong = "H0931"
green|strong = "H7488" tree|strong = "H6086".

5Therefore|strong = "H1571" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H5414" God|strong = "H3068" allowed|strong = "H5414"
 his|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H2428" to|strong = "H3478"
 be|strong = "H3027" defeated|strong = "H5221" by|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Syria|strong = "H0758". They|strong = "H3068" captured|strong = "H7617"
 many|strong = "H1419" soldiers|strong = "H5650" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3478" took|strong = "H7617"
 them|strong = "H5414" as|strong = "H1571" prisoners|strong = "H0615"
 to|strong = "H3478" Damascus|strong = "H1834".

The|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" also|strong = "H1571" defeated|strong = "H5221"
 the|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3478" killed|strong = "H5221"
 very|strong = "H1419" many|strong = "H1419" of|strong = "H4428"
 their|strong = "H3068" soldiers|strong = "H5650". 6 In|strong = "H3068"
 one|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
 army|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H1121" Remaliah's|strong = "H7425"
 son|strong = "H1121", King|strong = "H4428" Pekah|strong = "H6492" w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w*, killed|strong = "H2026"
 120,000 soldiers|strong = "H2428" in|strong = "H3068"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". That|strong = "H3605" happened|strong = "H1961"
 because|strong = "H3117" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 people|strong = "H1121" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063" had|strong = "H3068" abandoned|strong = "H5800"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. 7 Zicri|strong = "H2147",
 a|strong = "H2026" warrior|strong = "H1368" from|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H2026" tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H1121"
 Ephraim|strong = "H0669", killed|strong = "H2026" king|strong = "H4428"
 Ahaz's|strong = "H0271" son|strong = "H1121" Maaseiah|strong = "H4641",
 Azrikam|strong = "H5840" the|strong = "H2026" officer|strong = "H5057"
 in|strong = "H1004" charge|strong = "H4931" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H2026" palace|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1121"
 Elkanah|strong = "H0511", the|strong = "H2026" king's|strong = "H4428"
 assistant|strong = "H8334". 8 The|strong = "H1571"
 soldiers|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 captured|strong = "H7617" 200,000 of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H1571" people|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063", including|strong = "H1571" many|strong = "H7227"
 wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H3967" sons|strong = "H1121"

and|strong = "H3967" daughters|strong = "H1323" w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 w the|strong = "H1571" w* w soldiers|strong = "H1121" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. They|strong = "H1992"
 also|strong = "H1571" seized|strong = "H7617" and|strong = "H3967"
 took|strong = "H7617" back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H3478"
 Samaria|strong = "H8111" many|strong = "H7227" valuable|strong = "H3368"
 things|strong = "H7227".

9But|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 of|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" whose|strong = "H8034"
 name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H3068" Obed|strong = "H5744"
 was|strong = "H3068" there|strong = "H8033" w in|strong = "H5921" w* w
 Samaria|strong = "H8111" w*. He|strong = "H5704" went|strong = "H3318"
 out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440"
 city|strong = "H5892" to|strong = "H5704" meet|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" army|strong = "H6635" when|strong = "H1961"
 it|strong = "H5414" returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704"
 Samaria|strong = "H8111". He|strong = "H5704" said|strong = "H3318"
 to|strong = "H5704" them|strong = "H5414", "Because|strong = "H5921"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H6440" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H6440" your|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H5704" w*,
 was|strong = "H3068" angry|strong = "H2534" with|strong = "H3068" w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* Judah|strong = "H3063", he|strong = "H5704"
 allowed|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5704"
 defeat|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414". But|strong = "H1961"
 God|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" seen|strong = "H7200"
 the|strong = "H6440" cruel|strong = "H0394" way|strong = "H6440"
 that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5414" slaughtered|strong = "H7819"
 them|strong = "H5414". ¹⁰ And|strong = "H1121" now|strong = "H6258"
 you|strong = "H5973" want|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3068" w
 sin|strong = "H2403" w* w by|strong = "H3068" w* causing|strong = "H7462"
 men|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" women|strong = "H8198"
 from|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3068"
 become|strong = "H1961" your|strong = "H3068" slaves|strong = "H5650",
 but|strong = "H7535" you|strong = "H5973" have|strong = "H3068"
 certainly|strong = "H3808" also|strong = "H3068" sinned|strong = "H2398"
 against|strong = "H5973" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068"! ¹¹ So|strong = "H7725" listen|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H7725" me|strong = "H7725"! Send|strong = "H7971"
 back|strong = "H7725" w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* your|strong = "H3068" fellow-countrymen
 whom|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068"
 captured|strong = "H7617", because|strong = "H3588"

Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" extremely|strong = "H3966"
 angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H3588" w
 for|strong = "H3588" w* w what|strong = "H8085" w* w
 you|strong = "H3588" w* w did|strong = "H3068" w* w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w*."

12Then|strong = "H6965" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H5921" leaders|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H1121" w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w tribe|strong = "H4294" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w*
 Ephraim|strong = "H0669"—Azariah|strong = "H5838" the|strong = "H5921"
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Jehohanan|strong = "H3076",
 Berekiah the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Meshillemoth|strong = "H4919", Jehizkiah|strong = "H3169"
 the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Shallum|strong = "H7967", and|strong = "H1121" Amasa|strong = "H6021"
 the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Hadlai|strong = "H2311"—rebuked|strong = "H1605" those|strong = "H4480"
 who|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H1121" returning|strong = "H7725"
 from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H5921" battle|strong = "H6635". ¹³
 They|strong = "H3588" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3478"
 them|strong = "H5921", "You|strong = "H3588" must|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H3808" bring|strong = "H3254" those|strong = "H5921"
 prisoners|strong = "H0615" here|strong = "H2008"! If|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3588",
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" consider|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H3478"
 guilty|strong = "H0816" of|strong = "H3068" sinning|strong = "H2403".
 We|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H3478" already|strong = "H3528"
 guilty|strong = "H0816" of|strong = "H3068" committing|strong = "H6213"
 many|strong = "H7227" sins|strong = "H2403"; do|strong = "H3068"
 you|strong = "H3588" want|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3478"
 cause|strong = "H2600" us|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3478"
 be|strong = "H3808" even|strong = "H3588" more|strong = "H3254"
 guilty|strong = "H0816" by|strong = "H5921" committing|strong = "H6213"
 another|strong = "H3254" sin|strong = "H2403"? God|strong = "H3068"
 is|strong = "H3068" already|strong = "H3528" very|strong = "H7227"
 angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H3068" w us|strong = "H5921" w* w
 people|strong = "H3808" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w*
 Israel|strong = "H3478"!"

14So|strong = "H5800", while|strong = "H5704" their|strong = "H3605"
 leaders|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H6440" others|strong = "H0312"
 were|strong = "H8269" watching|strong = "H8245", the|strong = "H3605"
 soldiers|strong = "H2502" released|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H3605"

prisoners|strong = "H0615", and|strong = "H6440" also|strong = "H8269" gave|strong = "H5414" back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H6440" had|strong = "H8269" captured|strong = "H3920". ¹⁵ The|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H7218" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H5892" selected|strong = "H0977" took|strong = "H2388" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605" clothes|strong = "H3847" that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H5650" had|strong = "H3068" taken|strong = "H2388" from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H3605" prisoners|strong = "H0615" and|strong = "H6965" gave|strong = "H8248" those|strong = "H3605" clothes|strong = "H3847" back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H5892" naked|strong = "H4636". They|strong = "H3605" also|strong = "H8034" gave|strong = "H8248" to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" prisoners|strong = "H0615" sandals|strong = "H5274" and|strong = "H6965" other|strong = "H3605" clothes|strong = "H3847" and|strong = "H6965" things|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H7725" eat|strong = "H0398" and|strong = "H6965" drink|strong = "H8248", and|strong = "H6965" they|strong = "H3605" gave|strong = "H8248" them|strong = "H7725" olive|strong = "H2132" oil|strong = "H8081" to|strong = "H7725" rub on|strong = "H3847" their|strong = "H3605" wounds|strong = "H4347". They|strong = "H3605" gave|strong = "H8248" donkeys|strong = "H2543" to|strong = "H7725" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H5892" very|strong = "H3966" weak|strong = "H3782", in|strong = "H3847" order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3605" could|strong = "H6965" ride|strong = "H7392" on|strong = "H3847" them|strong = "H7725". Then|strong = "H6965" they|strong = "H3605" led|strong = "H5095" them|strong = "H7725" all|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H7725" Jericho|strong = "H3405", the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3068" many|strong = "H7227" palm|strong = "H8558" trees|strong = "H8558". Then|strong = "H6965" those|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H7218" w of|strong = "H5892" w* w Israel|strong = "H3478" w* returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" Samaria|strong = "H8111".

16About|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H1931" time|strong = "H6256", King|strong = "H4428" Ahaz|strong = "H0271" sent|strong = "H7971" w a|strong = "H7971" w* w message|strong = "H1697" w* to|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804" requesting help|strong = "H5826". ¹⁷ w He|strong = "H5221" w* w did|strong = "H3063" w* w that|strong = "H3063" w* w because|strong = "H3588" w* w

the|strong = "H5221" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* w
 from|strong = "H3063" w* the|strong = "H5221" Edom|strong = "H0112"
 people-group had|strong = "H3063" come|strong = "H3063"
 again|strong = "H5750" and|strong = "H3063" attacked|strong = "H5221"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063" taken|strong = "H7617"
 away|strong = "H7617" many|strong = "H7227" of|strong = "H5221"
 the|strong = "H5221" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H5221"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" as|strong = "H3063" prisoners|strong = "H7628". ¹⁸
 At|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H8033" same|strong = "H1931"
 time|strong = "H6256", men|strong = "H0376" from|strong = "H6430"
 Philistia|strong = "H6429" had|strong = "H3063"
 raided|strong = "H6584"/attacked|strong = "H5221" towns|strong = "H1323"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H8033" foothills|strong = "H8219"
 and|strong = "H3063" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H8033"
 southern|strong = "H5045" desert|strong = "H6160" of|strong = "H1323"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". They|strong = "H8033" had|strong = "H3063"
 captured|strong = "H3920" Beth-Shemesh|strong = "H1053",
 Aijalon|strong = "H0357", and|strong = "H3063" Gederoth|strong = "H1450"
 w cities|strong = "H5892" w*, as|strong = "H3427" well|strong = "H3190"
 as|strong = "H3427" Socoth|strong = "H7755", Timnah|strong = "H8553"
 and|strong = "H3063" Gimzo|strong = "H1579" w towns|strong = "H1323" w*
 and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H8033" nearby|strong = "H7138"
 villages|strong = "H1323". ¹⁹ Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w
 allowed|strong = "H3068" w* w those|strong = "H3588" w* w
 things|strong = "H3478" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 happen|strong = "H1961" w* w in|strong = "H3478" w* w
 order|strong = "H5668" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w*
 humble|strong = "H3665" king|strong = "H4428" Ahaz|strong = "H0271",
 because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H3068"
 encouraged|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3478"
 do|strong = "H3068" wicked|strong = "H7563" things|strong = "H3478"
 and|strong = "H3063" had|strong = "H3068" disobeyed|strong = "H4603"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H4604" much|strong = "H7227".
²⁰ Tiglath-Pileser|strong = "H8407", the|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804",
 sent|strong = "H7971" w his|strong = "H5921" w* w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* w saying|strong = "H0559" w* w
 that|strong = "H4428" w* w they|strong = "H5921" w* w
 would|strong = "H4428" w* help|strong = "H2388" Ahaz|strong = "H0271",
 but|strong = "H3808" instead|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H4428"
 helping|strong = "H5826" him|strong = "H5921", they|strong = "H5921"
 caused|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921"
 experience|strong = "H7200" trouble|strong = "H6869". ²¹
 Ahaz's|strong = "H0271" w soldiers|strong = "H5650" w*
 took|strong = "H4428" some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H4428"

the|strong = "H3588" w valuable|strong = "H3368" w*
 things|strong = "H3808" from|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" from|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3588" king's|strong = "H4428" palace|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H3068" from|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H0312"
 leaders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804" w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 pay|strong = "H5414" w* w him|strong = "H5414" w* w
 to|strong = "H3068" w* w help|strong = "H5833" w* w
 them|strong = "H5414" w*, but|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804"
 refused|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3068" help|strong = "H5833"
 Ahaz|strong = "H0271".

22While|strong = "H1931" King|strong = "H4428" Ahaz|strong = "H0271"
 was|strong = "H3068" experiencing|strong = "H2896" those|strong = "H1931"
 troubles|strong = "H6869", he|strong = "H1931" disobeyed|strong = "H4603"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" even|strong = "H3068" more|strong = "H3254".
 23 He|strong = "H3588" offered|strong = "H2076" sacrifices|strong = "H2076"
 to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430"
 that|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3478" worshiped|strong = "H7812"
 in|strong = "H3478" Damascus|strong = "H1834", whose|strong = "H3605" w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* had|strong = "H1961" defeated|strong = "H5221"
 his|strong = "H3605" w army|strong = "H2428" w*. He|strong = "H3588"
 thought|strong = "H0559", "The|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430"
 that|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H1992" worshiped|strong = "H7812"
 by|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Syria|strong = "H0758" have|strong = "H1961"
 helped|strong = "H5826" them|strong = "H1992", so|strong = "H1961"
 I|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H1961" offer|strong = "H2076"
 sacrifices|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H3478" those|strong = "H1992"
 gods|strong = "H0430" in|strong = "H3478" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" will|strong = "H1961"
 help|strong = "H5826" me|strong = "H5221". " But|strong = "H3588"
 worshiping|strong = "H7812" those|strong = "H1992" gods|strong = "H0430"
 caused|strong = "H1961" Ahaz|strong = "H0271" and|strong = "H3478"
 all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H1961" ruined|strong = "H5221".

24Ahaz|strong = "H0271" gathered|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" furnishings|strong = "H3627" w
 that|strong = "H3605" w* w were|strong = "H3627" w* w
 used|strong = "H6213" w* in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"

temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" broke|strong = "H7665"
 them|strong = "H6213" into|strong = "H6213" pieces|strong = "H7112".
 He|strong = "H6213" locked|strong = "H5462" the|strong = "H3605"
 doors|strong = "H1817" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3068" set|strong = "H6213"
 up|strong = "H5462" altars|strong = "H4196" w for|strong = "H6213" w* w
 worshipping|strong = "H7812" w* w idols|strong = "H1544" w*
 at|strong = "H3068" every|strong = "H3605" street|strong = "H2351"
 corner|strong = "H6438" in|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
²⁵ In|strong = "H3068" every|strong = "H3605" town|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063", his|strong = "H3605"
 workers|strong = "H6213" built|strong = "H6213" shrines|strong = "H1354"
 to|strong = "H3068" burn|strong = "H6999" sacrifices|strong = "H6999"
 to|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430",
 and|strong = "H3063" that|strong = "H3605" caused|strong = "H6213"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*, to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 very|strong = "H6213" angry|strong = "H3707".

26A|strong = "H3478" record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H3605" Ahaz|strong = "H0271" did|strong = "H3478"
 while|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3478"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", from|strong = "H5921"
 when|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3605" started|strong = "H2490"
 to|strong = "H3478" rule|strong = "H4428" until|strong = "H5921"
 he|strong = "H3605" died|strong = "H4191", is|strong = "H1697"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 scroll|strong = "H5612" called|strong = "H7121" 'The|strong = "H3605"
 History|strong = "H8435" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 Kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" Israel'. ²⁷ Ahaz|strong = "H0271"
 died|strong = "H4191" and|strong = "H1121" was|strong = "H3478"
 buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",
 but|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H3808" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H3478"
 the|strong = "H3588" tombs|strong = "H6913" where|strong = "H8478"
 the|strong = "H3588" other|strong = "H0312" kings|strong = "H4428" w
 had|strong = "H3478" w* w been|strong = "H4427" w* w
 buried|strong = "H6912" w*. Then|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3478"
 son|strong = "H1121" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" became|strong = "H4427"
 the|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428".
 King Hezekiah of Judah

29Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" was|strong = "H8034" 25
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H2568" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H8034"
 king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. He|strong = "H2568" ruled|strong = "H4427"
 from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H8034" 29
 years|strong = "H8141". His|strong = "H2396" mother|strong = "H0517"
 was|strong = "H8034" Abijah|strong = "H0029", the|strong = "H8034"
 daughter|strong = "H1323" of|strong = "H1121" w a|strong = "H3389" w* w
 man|strong = "H1121" w* w whose|strong = "H1121" w* w
 name|strong = "H8034" w* w was|strong = "H8034" w* w
 Zechariah|strong = "H2148". ² Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"
 did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" considered|strong = "H2803" to|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" right|strong = "H3477", like|strong = "H6213"
 his|strong = "H3605" ancestor King|strong = "H4428"
 David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213".
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" purified|strong = "H2891" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004"

3During|strong = "H3117" March|strong = "H1980" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3068" first|strong = "H7223" year|strong = "H8141"
 that|strong = "H1931" Hezekiah|strong = "H2388" was|strong = "H3068"
 ruling|strong = "H4910" Judah|strong = "H3063", he|strong = "H1931"
 unlocked the|strong = "H3068" doors|strong = "H1817" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3068" workers|strong = "H6466" repaired|strong = "H2388"
 them|strong = "H2388". ⁴ Then|strong = "H3548" he|strong = "H4217"
 gathered|strong = "H6960" the|strong = "H3548" priests|strong = "H3548"
 and|strong = "H3548" other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H3548" Levi|strong = "H3881" in|strong = "H3881"
 the|strong = "H3548" area|strong = "H1508" on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3548" east|strong = "H4217" side|strong = "H4217"
 of|strong = "H3548" the|strong = "H3548" temple|strong = "H1004", ⁵
 and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H3318" them|strong = "H3318", "You|strong = "H4480"
 descendants|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3881",
 listen|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "H3318" me|strong = "H4480"!
 Consecrate|strong = "H6942" yourselves|strong = "H6942".
 And|strong = "H3068" then|strong = "H3318" consecrate|strong = "H6942"
 the|strong = "H8085" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H8085" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" our|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w* /w belonged|strong = "H3318" w* w
 to|strong = "H3318" w*. Remove|strong = "H3318" from|strong = "H4480"

the|strong = "H8085" temple|strong = "H1004" all|strong = "H4480"
 the|strong = "H8085" things|strong = "H6944" that|strong = "H8085"
 are|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H8085" pleasing|strong = "H2896"
 to|strong = "H3318" God|strong = "H3068". ⁶ Our|strong = "H3068"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" disobeyed|strong = "H4603"
 God|strong = "H3068"; they|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H6213"
 many|strong = "H7227" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H3588" considered|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068"
 beevil, things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3588" were
 not|strong = "H6213" pleasing|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3068"
 him|strong = "H5414". They|strong = "H3588" abandoned|strong = "H5800"
 this|strong = "H6213" place|strong = "H5414" where|strong = "H4908"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" lives|strong = "H5315", and|strong = "H3068"
 they|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H3068" turned|strong = "H5437"
 away|strong = "H5437" from|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H5414". ⁷
 They|strong = "H3808" locked|strong = "H5462" the|strong = "H5927"
 doors|strong = "H1817" of|strong = "H1817" the|strong = "H5927"
 temple|strong = "H1004" and|strong = "H3478"
 extinguished|strong = "H3518" the|strong = "H5927"
 lamps|strong = "H5216". They|strong = "H3808" did|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H3808" burn|strong = "H6999" any|strong = "H1571"
 incense|strong = "H7004", and|strong = "H3478" they|strong = "H3808"
 did|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808" offer|strong = "H5927"
 any|strong = "H1571" sacrifices|strong = "H6999" that|strong = "H3478"
 were|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3808"
 completely|strong = "H3617" burned|strong = "H6999" w
 on|strong = "H5927" w* w the|strong = "H5927" w* w
 altar|strong = "H4196" w*. ⁸ Therefore|strong = "H5921",
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H1961"
 very|strong = "H7110" angry|strong = "H7110" with|strong = "H3068"
 us|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5869" of|strong = "H3068"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" w
 other|strong = "H0312" w* w places|strong = "H1116" w* w
 in|strong = "H5921" w* Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H3063"
 he|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414"
 other|strong = "H0312" people|strong = "H5869" to|strong = "H3068"
 become|strong = "H1961" frightened|strong = "H3372" and|strong = "H3063"
 horrified|strong = "H2113" w when|strong = "H1961" w* w
 they|strong = "H3068" w* w hear|strong = "H8085" w* w
 what|strong = "H7200" w* w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w
 did|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 punish|strong = "H6485" w* w us|strong = "H5414" w*. And|strong = "H3063"
 they|strong = "H3068" ridicule|strong = "H4912" us|strong = "H5414".
 You|strong = "H5414" know|strong = "H3045" this|strong = "H5414"
 very|strong = "H7110" well|strong = "H5869". ⁹ That|strong = "H1121"
 is|strong = "H2009" why|strong = "H5921" our|strong = "H5921"

fathers|strong = "H0001" have|strong = "H1121" been|strong = "H1961" killed|strong = "H2719" in|strong = "H5921" battles|strong = "H4421", and|strong = "H1121" our|strong = "H5921" sons|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" daughters|strong = "H1323" and|strong = "H1121" our|strong = "H5921" wives|strong = "H0802" have|strong = "H1121" been|strong = "H1961" captured|strong = "H7628" and|strong = "H1121" taken|strong = "H7628" w to|strong = "H5921" w* w other|strong = "H2063" w* w countries|strong = "H0776" w*. ¹⁰ But|strong = "H6258" now|strong = "H6258" I|strong = "H6258" intend|strong = "H2803" to|strong = "H7725" make|strong = "H3772" an|strong = "H3772" agreement|strong = "H1285" with|strong = "H5973" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068", in|strong = "H3478" order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H4480" longer|strong = "H5750" be|strong = "H3068" angry|strong = "H2734" with|strong = "H5973" us|strong = "H7725". ¹¹ w You|strong = "H3588" w* w who|strong = "H3068" w* w are|strong = "H1121" w* w like|strong = "H1961" w* my|strong = "H3068" sons|strong = "H1121", do|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H1961" waste|strong = "H2723" any|strong = "H6440" time|strong = "H6258". w Do|strong = "H3068" w* w immediately|strong = "H6965" w* w what|strong = "H3588" w* w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w wants|strong = "H2656" w* w you|strong = "H3588" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w do|strong = "H3068" w*. Yahweh|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068" chosen|strong = "H0977" you|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H3068" stand|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" presence|strong = "H6440" and|strong = "H1121" offer|strong = "H6999" sacrifices|strong = "H6999" and|strong = "H1121" burn|strong = "H6999" incense|strong = "H6999".

12Then|strong = "H6965" these|strong = "H6965" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" started|strong = "H6965" to|strong = "H1121" work|strong = "H4399" w in|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H4480" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*: From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Kohath|strong = "H6955" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Mahath|strong = "H4287" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Amasai|strong = "H6022", and|strong = "H1121" Joel|strong = "H3100" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Azariah|strong = "H5838". From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Merari|strong = "H4847" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Kish|strong = "H7027" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Abdi|strong = "H5660", and|strong = "H1121" Azariah|strong = "H5838" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"

Jehallelel|strong = "H3094". From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Gershon|strong = "H1649" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Joah|strong = "H3098" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Zimmah|strong = "H2155", and|strong = "H1121" Eden|strong = "H5731" the|strong = "H4480" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Joah|strong = "H3098". ¹³ From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Elizaphan|strong = "H0469" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Shimri|strong = "H8113" and|strong = "H1121" Jeiel|strong = "H3273". From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Asaph|strong = "H0623" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Zechariah|strong = "H2148" and|strong = "H1121" Mattaniah|strong = "H4983". ¹⁴ From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Heman|strong = "H1968" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Jehiel|strong = "H3171" and|strong = "H1121" Shimei|strong = "H8096". From|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H4480" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Jeduthun|strong = "H3038" there|strong = "H4480" were|strong = "H1121" Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" and|strong = "H1121" Uzziel|strong = "H5816".

¹⁵When|strong = "H3068" those|strong = "H1992" men|strong = "H0376" had|strong = "H3068" gathered|strong = "H6960" their|strong = "H3068" fellow|strong = "H7453" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3878" and|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" consecrated|strong = "H6942" themselves|strong = "H6942", they|strong = "H3068" entered|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3068" order|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H3068" consecrate|strong = "H6942" it|strong = "H6942". That|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H4687" them|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1697" also|strong = "H3068" obeying|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H1697" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H4687". ¹⁶ The|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" entered|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3318" consecrate|strong = "H6942" it|strong = "H4672". They|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" into|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" courtyard|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"

that|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3318"
 pleasing|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3318" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".
 Then|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H3318"
 of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3881" took|strong = "H3318"
 those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" down|strong = "H3381"
 to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3605" Kidron|strong = "H6939"
 Valley|strong = "H5158" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w
 burned|strong = "H8313" w* w them|strong = "H3318" w* w
 there|strong = "H4672" w*. ¹⁷ The|strong = "H3068"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H0312"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3878"
 started|strong = "H2490" this|strong = "H3068" work|strong = "H4399"
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3068" first|strong = "H7223"
 day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H1004" March|strong = "H1980"
 and|strong = "H3068" finished|strong = "H3615" purifying|strong = "H2893"
 the|strong = "H3068" courtyard|strong = "H2691" w of|strong = "H1004" w*
 w the|strong = "H3068" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3068" eighth|strong = "H8083"
 day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H3117"
 month|strong = "H2320", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3117"
 finished|strong = "H3615" purifying|strong = "H2893" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004" one|strong = "H7223" week|strong = "H7620"
 later|strong = "H0310".

¹⁸Then|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H3068" went|strong = "H3068"
 to|strong = "H3068" King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"
 and|strong = "H3068" reported|strong = "H5046", "We|strong = "H3605"
 have|strong = "H3068" purified|strong = "H2891" all|strong = "H3605"
 parts|strong = "H3411" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605"
 altar|strong = "H4196" where|strong = "H1004" sacrifices|strong = "H5930"
 are|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313",
 and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 items|strong = "H3627" used|strong = "H3627" at|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196", the|strong = "H3605"
 table|strong = "H7979" on|strong = "H3068" which|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" place|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3605" sacred|strong = "H6944" bread|strong = "H3899",
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" w
 used|strong = "H3627" w* w at|strong = "H3068" w* w
 that|strong = "H3605" w* w table|strong = "H7979" w*. ¹⁹
 While|strong = "H5704" Ahaz|strong = "H0271" was|strong = "H3068"
 our|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428", he|strong = "H3068"
 disobeyed|strong = "H4604" what|strong = "H3559"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"

commanded|strong = "H6680", and|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068"
 removed|strong = "H2186" from|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" many|strong = "H7227" things|strong = "H3605" w
 that|strong = "H3605" w* w should|strong = "H3068" w* w
 be|strong = "H3068" w* w there|strong = "H3605" w*, but|strong = "H3605"
 now|strong = "H2005" we|strong = "H2005" have|strong = "H3068"
 brought|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H6440" back|strong = "H7725"
 and|strong = "H3068" placed|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H6440"
 in|strong = "H3068" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" sacred|strong = "H6944" altar|strong = "H4196".

20Early|strong = "H7925" the|strong = "H3068" next|strong = "H4283"
 morning|strong = "H7925", King|strong = "H4428"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" gathered|strong = "H6960"
 together|strong = "H3162" the|strong = "H3068" city|strong = "H5892"
 officials|strong = "H8269", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068"
 went|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" w
 courtyard|strong = "H5892" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 the|strong = "H3068" w* temple|strong = "H1004". ²¹
 They|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H5927" with|strong = "H3068"
 them|strong = "H5921" seven|strong = "H7651" bulls|strong = "H6499",
 seven|strong = "H7651" rams|strong = "H0352", seven|strong = "H7651"
 male|strong = "H3532" lambs|strong = "H3532", and|strong = "H1121"
 seven|strong = "H7651" male|strong = "H3532" goats|strong = "H5795"
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" an|strong = "H3068"
 offering|strong = "H2403" in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068"
 forgive|strong = "H5545" the|strong = "H5921" sins|strong = "H2403"
 of|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 kingdom|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 and|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616"
 to|strong = "H3068" purify|strong = "H2398" the|strong = "H5921"
 temple|strong = "H4720". The|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H5921"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" that|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 priests|strong = "H3548", who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1121"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Aaron|strong = "H0175",
 should|strong = "H3068" offer|strong = "H5927" those|strong = "H5921"
 animals|strong = "H0929" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 sacrificed|strong = "H5927" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" altar|strong = "H4196". ²²
 So|strong = "H3651" first|strong = "H7223" the|strong = "H7819"
 priests|strong = "H3548" slaughtered|strong = "H7819"
 those|strong = "H1992" bulls|strong = "H1241", and|strong = "H3548"
 took|strong = "H6901" their|strong = "H7819" blood|strong = "H1818"

and|strong = "H3548" sprinkled|strong = "H2236" it|strong = "H7819" on|strong = "H4196" the|strong = "H7819" altar|strong = "H4196". Then|strong = "H3548" they|strong = "H4196" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" the|strong = "H7819" rams|strong = "H0352" and|strong = "H3548" sprinkled|strong = "H2236" their|strong = "H7819" blood|strong = "H1818" on|strong = "H4196" the|strong = "H7819" altar|strong = "H4196". Then|strong = "H3548" they|strong = "H4196" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" the|strong = "H7819" lambs|strong = "H3532" and|strong = "H3548" sprinkled|strong = "H2236" their|strong = "H7819" blood|strong = "H1818" on|strong = "H4196" the|strong = "H7819" altar|strong = "H4196". ²³ The|strong = "H6440" goats|strong = "H8163" that|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H3027" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H3027" an|strong = "H6440" offering|strong = "H2403" in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H3027" that|strong = "H4428" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H4428" forgive|strong = "H5545" the|strong = "H6440" sins|strong = "H2403" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H3027" brought|strong = "H5066" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" others|strong = "H0312" who|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H3027" there|strong = "H6440". Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H3027" present|strong = "H5066" laid|strong = "H5564" their|strong = "H5564" hands|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H5921" goats|strong = "H8163". ²⁴ Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" those|strong = "H3605" goats|strong = "H5795" and|strong = "H3478" splashed|strong = "H2236" their|strong = "H3605" blood|strong = "H1818" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196" in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3478" forgive|strong = "H3722" the|strong = "H3605" sins|strong = "H2403" that|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H1818" had|strong = "H3478" committed|strong = "H2398". The|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" did|strong = "H3478" that|strong = "H3588" because|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H3478" commanded|strong = "H6680" that|strong = "H3588" offerings|strong = "H5930" that|strong = "H3588" would|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3478" completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313" w on|strong = "H5921" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w* and|strong = "H3478" other|strong = "H3605" sacrifices|strong = "H5930" should|strong = "H3588" be|strong = "H3478" made|strong = "H3722" for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1818" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478".

25The|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428" then|strong = "H5975" told|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H3588" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881" to|strong = "H3068" stand|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" temple|strong = "H1004" with|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3068" cymbals|strong = "H4700" and|strong = "H3068" harps|strong = "H3658" and|strong = "H3068" lyres|strong = "H3658", obeying|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H1732" David|strong = "H1732" and|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030" Gad|strong = "H1410" and|strong = "H3068" Nathan|strong = "H5416" had|strong = "H3068" commanded|strong = "H4687". Those|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3881" things|strong = "H4687" that|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H5046" his|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030" that|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881" should|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068". ²⁶ So|strong = "H5975" the|strong = "H5975" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3627" Levi|strong = "H3881" w went|strong = "H1732" w* w and|strong = "H3548" w* stood|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H5975" the|strong = "H5975" temple|strong = "H1004", ready|strong = "H3559" to|strong = "H1732" play|strong = "H2181" the|strong = "H5975" musical|strong = "H5975" instruments|strong = "H3627" that|strong = "H3548" King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H1732" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H1732" them|strong = "H5975". And|strong = "H3548" the|strong = "H5975" priests|strong = "H3548" were|strong = "H3881" ready|strong = "H3559" to|strong = "H1732" blow|strong = "H8628" their|strong = "H5975" trumpets|strong = "H2689".

27Then|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" told|strong = "H5046" some|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548" to|strong = "H3478" burn|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H5921" animals|strong = "H0929" that|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3027" sacrificed|strong = "H5927" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" altar|strong = "H4196". When|strong = "H6256" they|strong = "H3068" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H3478" burn|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H5921" animals|strong = "H0929", the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H2490" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H3478" sing|strong = "H7892" to|strong = "H3478" w praise|strong = "H1984" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068", while|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3878" were|strong = "H3478" playing|strong = "H2490" their|strong = "H3068" instruments|strong = "H3627". ²⁸ All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"

who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H2690" there|strong = "H3605"
 bowed|strong = "H7812" to|strong = "H5704" worship|strong = "H7812"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", while|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"
 singers|strong = "H7891" sang|strong = "H7891" and|strong = "H5930"
 the|strong = "H3605" trumpeters|strong = "H2689" blew|strong = "H2690"
 their|strong = "H3605" trumpets|strong = "H2689". They|strong = "H5704"
 continued|strong = "H5674" to|strong = "H5704" do|strong = "H3605"
 this|strong = "H3605" until|strong = "H5704" they|strong = "H5704"
 had|strong = "H7891" finished|strong = "H3615"
 slaughtering|strong = "H5221" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 animals|strong = "H0929" that|strong = "H3605" would|strong = "H3605"
 be|strong = "H7892" completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313".

29When|strong = "H3615" they|strong = "H3605"
 finished|strong = "H3615" making|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605"
 offerings|strong = "H5927", the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H4428" there|strong = "H5927"
 knelt|strong = "H5307" down|strong = "H7812" and|strong = "H4428"
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ³⁰
 Then|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"
 and|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" officials|strong = "H8269"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" the|strong = "H3068"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 to|strong = "H5704" praise|strong = "H1984" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 singing|strong = "H7440" the|strong = "H3068" songs|strong = "H1697" w
 composed|strong = "H7737" w*/w written|strong = "H3789" w*
 by|strong = "H3068" David|strong = "H1732" and|strong = "H3068"
 Asaph|strong = "H0623" the|strong = "H3068" prophet|strong = "H2374".
 So|strong = "H1697" they|strong = "H3068" sang|strong = "H1984"
 songs|strong = "H1697" joyfully|strong = "H8057" and|strong = "H3068"
 bowed|strong = "H7812" their|strong = "H3068" heads|strong = "H6915"
 to|strong = "H5704" worship|strong = "H7812".

31Then|strong = "H6030" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"
 said|strong = "H6030", "You|strong = "H3605" have|strong = "H3068"
 now|strong = "H6258" dedicated|strong = "H6942"
 yourselves|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".
 So|strong = "H5066" come|strong = "H5066" close|strong = "H5066"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 and|strong = "H3068" bring|strong = "H5066" animals|strong = "H0929"
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3027" sacrificed|strong = "H2076"
 and|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H3605" offerings|strong = "H5930"
 to|strong = "H3068" thank|strong = "H8426" w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*
 w for|strong = "H3027" w* w what|strong = "H4100" w* w

he|strong="H3068" w* w has|strong="H3068" w* w
 done|strong="H3027" w* w for|strong="H3027" w* w
 you|strong="H3605" w*." And|strong="H3068" those|strong="H3605"
 who|strong="H3605" wanted|strong="H2654" to|strong="H3068"
 bring|strong="H5066" animals|strong="H0929" to|strong="H3068"
 be|strong="H3027" completely|strong="H3605" burned|strong="H8313"
 w on|strong="H3027" w* w the|strong="H3605" w* w
 altar|strong="H4196" w* brought|strong="H5066" them|strong="H3027".

32Altogether|strong="H3605" they|strong="H3068"
 brought|strong="H1961" 70 bulls|strong="H1241", 100
 rams|strong="H0352", and|strong="H3967" 200 male|strong="H3532"
 lambs|strong="H3532" to|strong="H3068" be|strong="H1961"
 completely|strong="H3605" burned|strong="H8313" on|strong="H3068"
 the|strong="H3605" altar|strong="H4196". ³³ The|strong="H6942"
 other|strong="H0312" animals|strong="H0929" that|strong="H1241"
 they|strong="H6942" brought|strong="H0935" were|strong="H1241" 600
 bulls|strong="H1241" and|strong="H3967" 3,000 sheep|strong="H6629"
 and|strong="H3967" goats|strong="H5795" that|strong="H1241"
 were|strong="H1241" set|strong="H6942" apart|strong="H6942"
 to|strong="H8337" be|strong="H1241" sacrifices|strong="H2077". ³⁴
 But|strong="H3588" there|strong="H1961" were|strong="H1961"
 not|strong="H3808" enough|strong="H4592" priests|strong="H3548"
 to|strong="H5704" remove|strong="H6584" the|strong="H3605"
 skins|strong="H5785" from|strong="H3881" the|strong="H3605"
 animals|strong="H1961" that|strong="H3588" would|strong="H3477"
 be|strong="H1961" completely|strong="H3605" burned|strong="H8313"
 w on|strong="H1961" w* w the|strong="H3605" w* w
 altar|strong="H4196" w*. So|strong="H1961" their|strong="H3605"
 fellow|strong="H7453" descendants|strong="H2233" of|strong="H3615"
 Levi|strong="H3881" helped|strong="H2388" them|strong="H3615"
 until|strong="H5704" that|strong="H3588" work|strong="H4399"
 was|strong="H1961" finished|strong="H3615", and|strong="H3548"
 until|strong="H5704" other|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"
 had|strong="H1961"
 purified|strong="H6942"/consecrated|strong="H6942"
 themselves|strong="H6942" to|strong="H5704" do|strong="H3201"
 that|strong="H3588" work|strong="H4399". It|strong="H3588"
 was|strong="H1961" necessary|strong="H2706" for|strong="H3588"
 them|strong="H3615" to|strong="H5704" do|strong="H3201"
 that|strong="H3588" because|strong="H3588" many|strong="H5704"
 of|strong="H3615" the|strong="H3605" priests|strong="H3548"
 had|strong="H1961" not|strong="H3808" yet|strong="H3588"
 performed|strong="H4399" the|strong="H3605" rituals
 to|strong="H5704" consecrate|strong="H6942"

themselves|strong = "H6942" for|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588"
 work|strong = "H4399", like|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3615" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 had|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H1961".

35In|strong = "H3068" addition|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H7230" the|strong = "H3068"
 offerings|strong = "H8002" that|strong = "H2459" were|strong = "H1004"
 completely|strong = "H3617" burned|strong = "H8313" w
 on|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w* w
 altar|strong = "H4196" w*, the|strong = "H3068" priests|strong = "H3548"
 also|strong = "H1571" burned|strong = "H8313" the|strong = "H3068"
 fat|strong = "H2459" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3068"
 other|strong = "H0312" animals|strong = "H0929" that|strong = "H2459"
 were|strong = "H1004" sacrificed|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H3068"
 maintain|strong = "H3559" good|strong = "H2896"
 fellowship|strong = "H2266" with|strong = "H1004"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 usual|strong = "H3117" wine|strong = "H3196" offerings|strong = "H8002".

S o|strong = "H1571" the|strong = "H3068" worship|strong = "H7812"
 at|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004"
 began|strong = "H2490" again|strong = "H1571". ³⁶ And|strong = "H5971"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" and|strong = "H5971" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H1697" Judah|strong = "H3063" celebrated|strong = "H8055",
 because|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H0430" had|strong = "H1961"
 enabled|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961"
 do|strong = "H1697" all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605"
 things|strong = "H1697" very|strong = "H8055" quickly|strong = "H4116".
 Preparations to celebrate the Passover Festival

30 ¹⁻³ The|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H3967"
 his|strong = "H3605" officials|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H3967"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H0312"
 people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H3068"
 gathered|strong = "H6960" in|strong = "H0935" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 wanted|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H0413" celebrate|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453" Festival|strong = "H2282".
 But|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H0834"
 not|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H0413"
 celebrate|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5414" at|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H3605" usual|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H6256",
 because|strong = "H3588" many|strong = "H7227" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548" had|strong = "H3068"

still|strong = "H5750" not|strong = "H3808" performed|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" rituals to|strong = "H0413" purify|strong = "H2398"
 themselves|strong = "H0905"; therefore|strong = "H3651"
 they|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808"
 allowed|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0413" do|strong = "H6213"
 serve|strong = "H5647" in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605"
 festival|strong = "H2282". Also|strong = "H1571", everyone|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H3068" still|strong = "H5750" not|strong = "H3808"
 come|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w
 to|strong = "H0413" w* w celebrate|strong = "H6213" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w Passover|strong = "H6453" w*.
 So|strong = "H3651" they|strong = "H1992" decided|strong = "H3289"
 to|strong = "H0413" celebrate|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5414"
 one|strong = "H0259" month|strong = "H2320" later|strong = "H0310"
 than|strong = "H4480" usual|strong = "H3117". ⁴ The|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5869"
 who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H4428" gathered|strong = "H6951"
 thought|strong = "H5869" that|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H1697"
 a|strong = "H4428" good|strong = "H3474" plan|strong = "H1697". ⁵
 So|strong = "H6213" they|strong = "H3588" decided|strong = "H3289"
 to|strong = "H5704" send|strong = "H5674" messages|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H5704" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 towns|strong = "H1323" in|strong = "H3478" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3478" in|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478",
 from|strong = "H3478" Beersheba|strong = "H0884" w in|strong = "H3478" w*
 w the|strong = "H3605" w* w far|strong = "H5704" w* w
 south|strong = "H5045" w* to|strong = "H5704" Dan|strong = "H1835" w
 in|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w far|strong = "H5704" w*
 w north|strong = "H6828" w*, including|strong = "H5704"
 towns|strong = "H1323" in|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 tribes|strong = "H5975" of|strong = "H3068" Ephraim|strong = "H0669"
 and|strong = "H3478" Manasseh|strong = "H4519", to|strong = "H5704"
 invite|strong = "H7121" people|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H5704"
 come|strong = "H5674" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 to|strong = "H5704" celebrate|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605"
 Passover|strong = "H6453" w Festival|strong = "H2282" w*
 to|strong = "H5704" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H3808" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*/w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w
 to|strong = "H5704" w*. Many|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3808" had|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" previously|strong = "H3808"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3588" festival|strong = "H2282",

even|strong = "H5704" though|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588"
 had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H5674" written|strong = "H3789" w
 in|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 laws|strong = "H8451" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Moses|strong = "H3808" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w* w
 they|strong = "H3588" w* w should|strong = "H3068" w* w
 do|strong = "H6213" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w*.

6Obeying|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H4687" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" commanded|strong = "H4687",
 messengers|strong = "H7323" went|strong = "H3212"
 throughout|strong = "H3605" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121"
 Israel|strong = "H3478", taking|strong = "H3947" messages|strong = "H2372"
 that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H3605"
 written|strong = "H3789" by|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605"
 officials|strong = "H8269". This|strong = "H7725" is|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H4687" they|strong = "H3068" wrote|strong = "H3789":

“ You|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H1121",
 you|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" survived|strong = "H7604"
 after|strong = "H0310" being|strong = "H1121" slaves|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Assyria|strong = "H0804", return|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H7725" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605"
 God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834" w our|strong = "H3068" w* w
 great|strong = "H1419" w* w ancestors|strong = "H0001" w* w
 Abraham|strong = "H0085", Isaac|strong = "H3327", and|strong = "H1121"
 Jacob|strong = "H3290" w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*/w
 belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w*, in|strong = "H3478"
 order|strong = "H3027" that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3068"
 may|strong = "H3068" return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 you|strong = "H3605". Your|strong = "H3068" fathers|strong = "H0001"
 and|strong = "H1121" brothers|strong = "H1121" did|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H7725" faithfully|strong = "H0571" obey|strong = "H8085"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" our|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. ⁷ Do|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H5414" act|strong = "H4603" like|strong = "H1961"
 they|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H3068", because|strong = "H3068"
 what|strong = "H7200" they|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H5414" other|strong = "H0312" people|strong = "H7200"
 to|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H1961" disgusted|strong = "H3363"
 with|strong = "H3068" them|strong = "H5414". ⁸ Do|strong = "H5647"
 not|strong = "H5414" be|strong = "H3027" stubborn|strong = "H7185"

as|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 were|strong = "H3027". Do|strong = "H5647" what|strong = "H4100"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" desires|strong = "H0183". Come|strong = "H7725"
 w to|strong = "H7725" w* w Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*
 to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H4720",
 which|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H3068" has|strong = "H3068"
 set|strong = "H5414" apart|strong = "H6942" forever|strong = "H5769".
 Do|strong = "H5647" what|strong = "H4100" pleases|strong = "H2654"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068",
 in|strong = "H3068" order|strong = "H3027" that|strong = "H3068"
 he|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H4480"
 longer|strong = "H5769" be|strong = "H3027" angry|strong = "H2734"
 with|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5414". ⁹ If|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H3068" captured|strong = "H7617"
 our|strong = "H3068" brothers|strong = "H1121" w and|strong = "H1121" w*
 w sisters|strong = "H0269" w* and|strong = "H1121" our|strong = "H3068"
 children|strong = "H1121" will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3808"
 kind|strong = "H4327" to|strong = "H7725" them|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H1121" allow|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H7725" return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725"
 this|strong = "H2063" land|strong = "H6440". Do|strong = "H3068"
 not|strong = "H3808" forget|strong = "H7911" that|strong = "H3588"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068"
 is|strong = "H3068" kind|strong = "H4327" and|strong = "H1121"
 merciful|strong = "H7349". If|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" him|strong = "H6440",
 he|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068" no|strong = "H3808"
 longer|strong = "H3808" reject|strong = "H5493" you|strong = "H3588".

10The|strong = "H5921" messengers|strong = "H7323"
 went|strong = "H5674" to|strong = "H5704" all|strong = "H5704"
 the|strong = "H5921" towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" tribes|strong = "H7626" of|strong = "H5892"
 Ephraim|strong = "H0669" and|strong = "H5892"
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519", as|strong = "H5704" far|strong = "H5704" w
 north|strong = "H6828" w* as|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5921"
 tribe|strong = "H4294" of|strong = "H5892" Zebulun|strong = "H2074", w
 and|strong = "H5892" w* w gave|strong = "H1961" w* w
 them|strong = "H5921" w* w this|strong = "H5674" w* w
 message|strong = "H1697" w*, but|strong = "H1961" most|strong = "H6944"
 of|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 there|strong = "H1961" scorned|strong = "H6712" them|strong = "H5921"
 and|strong = "H5892" ridiculed them|strong = "H5921". ¹¹

But **"H3588"** some **"H4480"** of **"H3389"** the **"H4519"** people **"H5971"** of **"H3389"** w the **"H4519"** w* w tribes **"H7626"** w* w of **"H3389"** w* Asher **"H0836"**, Manasseh **"H4519"**, and **"H3389"** Zebulun **"H2074"** humbled **"H3665"** themselves **"H3665"** and **"H3389"** went **"H1980"** to **"H3389"** Jerusalem **"H3389"**. ¹² Also **"H1571"** in **"H3068"** Judah **"H3063"** God **"H3068"** motivated **"H0834"** the **"H5414"** people **"H1571"** to **"H3068"** be **"H1961"** united **"H3161"** in **"H3068"** wanting **"H6485"** to **"H3068"** do **"H6213"** what **"H1697"** Yahweh **"H3068"** wanted **"H2654"** them **"H5414"** to **"H3068"** do **"H6213"**, which **"H3068"** is **"H3068"** what **"H1697"** the **"H5414"** king **"H4428"** and **"H3063"** his **"H5414"** officials **"H8269"** had **"H3068"** told **"H1697"** them **"H5414"** to **"H3068"** do **"H6213"** in **"H3068"** the **"H5414"** message **"H1697"** that **"H3068"** they **"H3068"** sent **"H5414"**. They **"H3068"** celebrated **"H6213"** the **"H5414"** Passover **"H6453"** Festival **"H2282"**

¹³ So **"H6213"** a **"H6213"** huge **"H7227"** crowd **"H6951"** of **"H6951"** people **"H5971"** gathered **"H6213"** in **"H6213"** Jerusalem **"H3389"** in **"H6213"** May **"H5971"**, to **"H6213"** celebrate **"H6213"** the **"H6213"** Festival **"H2282"** of **"H6951"** Eating **"H0398"** Unleavened **"H4682"** Bread **"H4682"**. ¹⁴ They **"H3605"** removed **"H5493"** the **"H3605"** altars **"H4196"** w of **"H4196"** w* w Baal **"H1168"** w* in **"H5493"** Jerusalem **"H3389"** and **"H6965"** took **"H5493"** away **"H5493"** the **"H3605"** altars **"H4196"** for **"H4196"** burning **"H6999"** incense **"H6999"** w to **"H3389"** w* w honor **"H3519"** w* w other **"H3605"** w* w gods **"H0430"** w*, w and **"H6965"** w* w burned **"H6999"** w* w them **"H7993"** w* in **"H5493"** Kidron **"H6939"** Valley **"H5158"**.

¹⁵ They **"H3068"** slaughtered **"H7819"** the **"H3068"** Passover **"H6453"** lambs **"H3532"** on **"H3068"** the **"H3068"** fourteenth **"H6240"** day **"H2320"** of **"H1004"** that **"H3068"**

month|strong = "H2320". Some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3068" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" other|strong = "H8145" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3881" were|strong = "H3881" ashamed|strong = "H3637" w because|strong = "H3068" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w had|strong = "H3068" w* w not|strong = "H3808" w* w performed|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w* rituals w to|strong = "H3068" w* w cause|strong = "H2600" w* w them|strong = "H6942" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w be|strong = "H3068" w* w acceptable|strong = "H7522" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w work|strong = "H4399" w* w for|strong = "H3068" w* w Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w*. So|strong = "H6942" they|strong = "H3068" performed|strong = "H6213" those|strong = "H1992" rituals, and|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H3548" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" animals|strong = "H0929" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3617" burned|strong = "H8313" w on|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H3068" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w*.

16Then|strong = "H4872" they|strong = "H5921" stood|strong = "H5975" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" places|strong = "H3027" where|strong = "H5921" Moses|strong = "H4872" had|strong = "H4872" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921" laws|strong = "H8451" that|strong = "H3548" they|strong = "H5921" should|strong = "H3548" stand|strong = "H5975". Then|strong = "H4872" the|strong = "H5921" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3027" Levi|strong = "H3881" gave|strong = "H4872" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548" w bowls|strong = "H4219" w* w containing|strong = "H8033" w* w blood|strong = "H1818" w* w of|strong = "H3027" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w animals|strong = "H0929" w* w that|strong = "H3548" w* w were|strong = "H3881" w* w being|strong = "H1961" w* w sacrificed|strong = "H2076" w*, and|strong = "H4872" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548" sprinkled|strong = "H2236" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w altar|strong = "H4196" w* w with|strong = "H5921" some|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5921" blood|strong = "H1818". ¹⁷ Many|strong = "H7227" people|strong = "H3808" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" crowd|strong = "H6951" had|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" purified|strong = "H6942" themselves|strong = "H6942", and|strong = "H3068" therefore|strong = "H5921" they|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H3881" not|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3068" kill|strong = "H2026" the|strong = "H3605" lambs|strong = "H3532" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w

dedicate|strong = "H6942" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w*
to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068". So|strong = "H3808"
it|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H3068" necessary|strong = "H2706"
for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233"
of|strong = "H3068" Levi|strong = "H3881" to|strong = "H3068"
kill|strong = "H2026" the|strong = "H3605" lambs|strong = "H3532"
for|strong = "H3588" them|strong = "H5921". ¹⁸ Although|strong = "H3588"
most|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971" had|strong = "H3068"
come|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H5921" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w*
Ephraim|strong = "H0669", Manasseh|strong = "H4519",
and|strong = "H3068" Issachar|strong = "H3485" had|strong = "H3068"
not|strong = "H3808" purified|strong = "H2891"
themselves|strong = "H2896", they|strong = "H3588" ate|strong = "H0398"
the|strong = "H5921" food|strong = "H3899" of|strong = "H3068"
the|strong = "H5921" Passover|strong = "H6453" Festival|strong = "H2282"
anyway, ignoring the|strong = "H5921" rules|strong = "H4910"
written|strong = "H3789" w by|strong = "H5921" w* w
Moses|strong = "H3808" w*. But|strong = "H3588"
Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" prayed|strong = "H6419" for|strong = "H3588"
them|strong = "H5921", saying|strong = "H0559" "Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
you|strong = "H3588" always|strong = "H3605" do|strong = "H3068"
what|strong = "H2896" is|strong = "H3068" good|strong = "H2896";
I|strong = "H3588" pray|strong = "H6419" that|strong = "H3588"
you|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068" forgive|strong = "H3722"
everyone|strong = "H3605" ¹⁹ who|strong = "H3605"
sincerely|strong = "H8549" wants|strong = "H2656" to|strong = "H3068"
honor|strong = "H3519" you|strong = "H3605", the|strong = "H3605"
God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834" our|strong = "H3068"
ancestors|strong = "H0001" w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*,
even|strong = "H3808" if|strong = "H0518" they|strong = "H3068"
have|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" purified|strong = "H2891"
themselves|strong = "H0905" by|strong = "H3068" obeying|strong = "H8085"
the|strong = "H3605" sacred|strong = "H6944" laws|strong = "H8451"
that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H3605" gave|strong = "H5414"
to|strong = "H3068" us|strong = "H5414". ²⁰ And|strong = "H3068"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" heard|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H8085"
Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" prayed|strong = "H6419"; he|strong = "H3068"
forgave|strong = "H5375" the|strong = "H8085" people|strong = "H5971", w
and|strong = "H3068" w* w did|strong = "H5971" w* w
not|strong = "H8085" w* w punish|strong = "H6485" w* w
them|strong = "H8085" w*.

21The|strong = "H6213" Israeli people|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H4672"
 in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" Festival|strong = "H2282"
 of|strong = "H1121" Eating|strong = "H0398" Unleavened|strong = "H4682"
 Bread|strong = "H4682" for|strong = "H6213" seven|strong = "H7651"
 days|strong = "H3117". They|strong = "H3117" rejoiced|strong = "H8057"
 greatly|strong = "H1419" as|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213", while|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H6213"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H0312"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 sang|strong = "H1984" to|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 every|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H1121"
 played|strong = "H2181" musical|strong = "H3627"
 instruments|strong = "H3627" to|strong = "H3478" w
 praise|strong = "H1984" w* God|strong = "H3068".

22Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" thanked|strong = "H1288"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H3068" Levi|strong = "H3881" for|strong = "H5921"
 doing|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H1696" work|strong = "H4399"
 for|strong = "H5921" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068"
 for|strong = "H5921" very|strong = "H2896" skillfully|strong = "H2805"
 leading|strong = "H7218" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1696"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3881" worshiping|strong = "H7812".
 For|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H3605" seven|strong = "H7651"
 days|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1696"
 ate|strong = "H0398" the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453"
 food|strong = "H3899" and|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H3068"
 offerings|strong = "H8002" to|strong = "H1696" maintain|strong = "H6213"
 fellowship|strong = "H2266" with|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3068" praised|strong = "H3034"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H1696" w*/w
 had|strong = "H3068" w* w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*.

23Then|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" whole|strong = "H3605"
 group|strong = "H7235" decided|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H6213"
 celebrate|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213" seven|strong = "H7651"
 more|strong = "H6213" days|strong = "H3117", so|strong = "H6213"
 they|strong = "H3117" did|strong = "H6213": They|strong = "H3117"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" joyfully|strong = "H8057" for|strong = "H6213"
 seven|strong = "H7651" more|strong = "H6213" days|strong = "H3117". ²⁴
 King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"

provided|strong = "H3557" 1,000 bulls|strong = "H6499"
 and|strong = "H3063" 7,000 sheep|strong = "H6629" to|strong = "H4428"
 be|strong = "H4428" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971" w to|strong = "H4428" w* w
 eat|strong = "H0398" w* w during|strong = "H3117" w* w
 the|strong = "H3588" w* w festival|strong = "H2282" w*,
 and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H3588" officials|strong = "H8269"
 also|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H7311" them|strong = "H6942" 1,000
 bulls|strong = "H6499" and|strong = "H3063" 10,000 sheep|strong = "H6629"
 and|strong = "H3063" goats|strong = "H5795". Many|strong = "H7230"
 priests|strong = "H3548" consecrated|strong = "H6942"
 themselves|strong = "H6942". ²⁵ All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 rejoiced|strong = "H8055", including|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3427" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3427" from|strong = "H3478" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3478" come|strong = "H3478",
 and|strong = "H3063" including|strong = "H3605" some|strong = "H3605"
 from|strong = "H3478" other|strong = "H3605" countries|strong = "H0776"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478" living|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3063"
 some|strong = "H3605" from|strong = "H3478" other|strong = "H3605"
 countries|strong = "H0776" who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478"
 living|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063". ²⁶
 Everyone|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 was|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H1419" joyful|strong = "H7440",
 because|strong = "H3588" nothing|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H1961"
 this|strong = "H2063" had|strong = "H1961" happened|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H3478" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" since|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H3117" when|strong = "H3588"
 David's|strong = "H1732" son|strong = "H1121" Solomon|strong = "H8010"
 was|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478". ²⁷ The|strong = "H8085"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H6965" the|strong = "H8085"
 other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H6963"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" stood|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965"
 to|strong = "H8085" bless|strong = "H1288" the|strong = "H8085"
 people|strong = "H5971", and|strong = "H6965" God|strong = "H8064"
 heard|strong = "H8085" them|strong = "H8085" in|strong = "H8085"
 heaven|strong = "H8064", the|strong = "H8085" holy|strong = "H6944"
 place|strong = "H6944" where|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H5971"
 lives|strong = "H5315".

31 After the festival ended, the Israelites who were there went to all the towns and smashed the stones/pillars w for worshiping w idols, and cut down the poles w for worshiping w the goddess Asherah. They destroyed the shrines and altars w of w Baal throughout where the tribes of Judah and Benjamin also lived, and also in the areas of Ephraim and Manasseh. After destroying them, they returned to their own towns.

The offerings for the priests and Levites

2 Hezekiah divided the other Levi He appointed of to that completely on altar to w with

He|strong = "H3068" appointed|strong = "H5975" some|strong = "H4480"
 groups|strong = "H7218" to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068"
 other|strong = "H6310" work|strong = "H5656" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004": some|strong = "H4480"
 to|strong = "H3068" lead|strong = "H5148" the|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3068"
 worship|strong = "H7812", some|strong = "H4480" to|strong = "H3068"
 thank|strong = "H3034" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068"
 some|strong = "H4480" to|strong = "H3068" sing|strong = "H1984"
 songs|strong = "H1984" to|strong = "H3068" praise|strong = "H1984"
 to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" at|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" gates|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004". ³ The|strong = "H3068"
 king|strong = "H4428" contributed|strong = "H4521" some|strong = "H4480"
 of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H1961" funds
 to|strong = "H3068" buy|strong = "H7676" animals|strong = "H0929"
 that|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 sacrificed|strong = "H2076" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 morning|strong = "H1242" and|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3068" evening|strong = "H6153" of|strong = "H4428"
 each|strong = "H0376" day|strong = "H2320", and|strong = "H3068"
 on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" Sabbath|strong = "H7676"
 days|strong = "H6153", to|strong = "H3068" celebrate|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3068" new|strong = "H2320" moons|strong = "H2320",
 and|strong = "H3068" during|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3068"
 other|strong = "H0312" feasts|strong = "H4150", according|strong = "H4480"
 to|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H4100" was|strong = "H3068"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 laws|strong = "H8451" w that|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w gave|strong = "H5414" w* w
 to|strong = "H3068" w* w Moses|strong = "H4872" w*. ⁴
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2388" told|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H5414"
 people|strong = "H5971" living|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" to|strong = "H3068" give|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414" priests|strong = "H3548"
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414" other|strong = "H0312"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3068" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 the|strong = "H5414" portions|strong = "H4521" w of|strong = "H3068" w* w
 meat|strong = "H1320" w* that|strong = "H5971" should|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068"
 them|strong = "H5414", in|strong = "H3427" order|strong = "H4616"
 that|strong = "H5971" they|strong = "H3068" could|strong = "H5971"
 devote|strong = "H2388" all|strong = "H5414" their|strong = "H3068"
 time|strong = "H6256" to|strong = "H3068" obeying|strong = "H8085"
 the|strong = "H5414" laws|strong = "H8451" of|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ⁵ As|strong = "H1697" soon|strong = "H3512"

as|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H3605" told|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H1121", they|strong = "H1697"
 generously|strong = "H5670" gave|strong = "H7235" the|strong = "H3605"
 first|strong = "H1121" part|strong = "H4643" of|strong = "H1121"
 their|strong = "H3605" harvest|strong = "H8393" of|strong = "H1121"
 grain|strong = "H1715", and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605"
 first|strong = "H1121" part|strong = "H4643" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" new|strong = "H8492" wine|strong = "H8492" w
 that|strong = "H3605" w* w they|strong = "H1697" w* w
 produced|strong = "H6213" w*, and|strong = "H1121" w
 olive|strong = "H2132" w* oil|strong = "H3323" and|strong = "H1121"
 honey|strong = "H1706", and|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" crops|strong = "H8393" that|strong = "H3605"
 grew|strong = "H6555" in|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H3605"
 fields|strong = "H7704". They|strong = "H1697" brought|strong = "H3478" w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 temple|strong = "H1004" w* a|strong = "H3478" tenth|strong = "H4643"
 of|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605"
 crops|strong = "H8393". ⁶ The|strong = "H5414" men|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" who|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3478"
 living|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" various|strong = "H2921"
 towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 also|strong = "H1571" brought|strong = "H5414" a|strong = "H5414"
 tenth|strong = "H4643" of|strong = "H1121" their|strong = "H3068"
 cattle|strong = "H1241" and|strong = "H1121" sheep|strong = "H6629"
 and|strong = "H1121" goats|strong = "H1121", and|strong = "H1121"
 a|strong = "H5414" tenth|strong = "H4643" of|strong = "H1121"
 other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H6944" that|strong = "H3068"
 they|strong = "H1992" had|strong = "H3068" dedicated|strong = "H6942"
 to|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H1992"
 piled|strong = "H6651" all|strong = "H5414" those|strong = "H1992"
 things|strong = "H6944" in|strong = "H3427" heaps|strong = "H6194". ⁷
 They|strong = "H2320" started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H2490"
 do|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H2320"
 May|strong = "H1961" and|strong = "H2320" finished|strong = "H3615"
 doing|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H3615" in|strong = "H2320" September.
⁸ When|strong = "H7200" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" and|strong = "H3478"
 his|strong = "H3068" officials|strong = "H8269" saw|strong = "H7200"
 the|strong = "H7200" heaps|strong = "H6194", they|strong = "H3068"
 praised|strong = "H1288" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3478" w
 requested|strong = "H7592" w* w God|strong = "H3068" w* w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* bless|strong = "H1288" the|strong = "H7200"
 people|strong = "H5971".

9But Hezekiah asked the priests and other descendants of Levi, “Why are these heaps of things here?”¹⁰ Then Azariah the Supreme Priest, a descendant of Zadok, replied, “Since the time that the people started to bring their offerings to the temple, we have had even more food than we need. This has happened because Yahweh has greatly blessed our fellow Israelis, with the result that all this is left over after we priests and other descendants of Levi took that we need!”

11Then Hezekiah ordered that they should in the temple. So they did that brought into the storerooms all the tithes and offerings and the things dedicated to Yahweh which the people brought. One of

the|strong = "H5921" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H5921" Levi|strong = "H3881" whose|strong = "H0834" name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H3881" Conaniah|strong = "H3562" was|strong = "H3881" in|strong = "H5921" charge|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H5921" things|strong = "H6944", and|strong = "H6944" his|strong = "H5921" w younger|strong = "H6810" w* brother|strong = "H0251" Shimei|strong = "H8096" was|strong = "H3881" his|strong = "H5921" assistant|strong = "H8334". ¹³ Those|strong = "H1992" two|strong = "H1004" men|strong = "H0376" supervised|strong = "H5921" Jehiel|strong = "H3171", Azaziah|strong = "H5812", Nahath|strong = "H5184", Asahel|strong = "H6214", Jerimoth|strong = "H3406", Jozabad|strong = "H3107", Eliel|strong = "H0447", Ismakiah|strong = "H3253", Mahath|strong = "H4287" and|strong = "H4428" Benaiah|strong = "H1141" while|strong = "H1004" they|strong = "H3027" did|strong = "H2396" the|strong = "H3027" work|strong = "H3027". They|strong = "H3027" were|strong = "H3027" appointed|strong = "H4662" by|strong = "H3027" King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396"; Azariah|strong = "H5838" was|strong = "H4428" in|strong = "H1004" charge|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" w everything|strong = "H3605" w* w that|strong = "H4428" w* w was|strong = "H4428" w* w done|strong = "H3027" w* w in|strong = "H1004" w* the|strong = "H3027" temple|strong = "H1004".

¹⁴Kore|strong = "H6981" the|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Imnah|strong = "H3232", another|strong = "H0312" descendant|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881", who|strong = "H3068" guarded|strong = "H8104" the|strong = "H5921" east|strong = "H4217" gate|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004", was|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H5921" charge|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" offerings|strong = "H5071" to|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1121" made|strong = "H5414" voluntarily|strong = "H5071". He|strong = "H3068" distributed|strong = "H2505" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H1121" w other|strong = "H0312" w* descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" the|strong = "H5921" offerings|strong = "H5071" and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H6944" that|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H1121" dedicated|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ¹⁵ Eden|strong = "H5731", Miniamin|strong = "H4509", Jeshua|strong = "H3442", Shemaiah|strong = "H8098", Amariah|strong = "H0568" and|strong = "H1419" Shecaniah|strong = "H7935" faithfully|strong = "H0571" assisted|strong = "H5826" him|strong = "H5414"

in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" towns|strong = "H5892"
 where|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548"
 lived|strong = "H3427". They|strong = "H5921" distributed|strong = "H2505"
 those|strong = "H5921" things|strong = "H1419" to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H3027"
 their|strong = "H5414" fellow|strong = "H7453" priests|strong = "H3548";
 they|strong = "H5921" distributed|strong = "H2505" them|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" everyone|strong = "H3605", ifrom the|strong = "H5921"
 youngest|strong = "H6996" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 oldest|strong = "H1419".

16They|strong = "H3117" also|strong = "H3068"
 distributed|strong = "H2505" things|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" males|strong = "H2145" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1121" at|strong = "H3068" least|strong = "H6996" 30
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121", those|strong = "H3605"
 whose|strong = "H1121" names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121"
 written|strong = "H3789" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" scrolls
 where|strong = "H1004" lists of|strong = "H1121" family|strong = "H1004"
 names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121" written|strong = "H3789".
 They|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H1121" males|strong = "H2145"
 who|strong = "H3605" w were|strong = "H1121" w* w
 allowed|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w*
 enter|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
 to|strong = "H3068" perform|strong = "H6213" their|strong = "H3605"
 tasks|strong = "H5656"/work|strong = "H5656" each|strong = "H3605"
 day|strong = "H3117", the|strong = "H3605" tasks|strong = "H5656"
 that|strong = "H3605" each|strong = "H3605" group|strong = "H7235"
 had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H3605" assigned|strong = "H5656"
 to|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H3068". ¹⁷ The|strong = "H3548"
 names|strong = "H8034" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3548"
 priests|strong = "H3548" were|strong = "H1121" on|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3548" scrolls where|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3548"
 clans' names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121"
 written|strong = "H3789". They|strong = "H8141" also|strong = "H1121"
 distributed|strong = "H2505" things|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H1121"
 groups|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" w other|strong = "H0312" w*
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881",
 those|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H3548" were|strong = "H1121"
 at|strong = "H1004" least|strong = "H6996" 20 years|strong = "H8141"
 old|strong = "H1121". ¹⁸ They|strong = "H3588" included|strong = "H3605"
 all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605" little|strong = "H2945"
 children|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121" wives|strong = "H0802"
 and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121"
 and|strong = "H1121" daughters|strong = "H1323" whose|strong = "H1121"

names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121" on|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" scrolls where|strong = "H0834" their|strong = "H3605"
 clans' names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121"
 written|strong = "H3789", because|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588"
 also|strong = "H1121" faithfully|strong = "H0571" had|strong = "H3588"
 dedicated|strong = "H6942" themselves|strong = "H6942"
 to|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".

19w Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" w* also|strong = "H8034"
 appointed|strong = "H5414" other|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H5414" distribute|strong = "H5414" portions|strong = "H4490"
 of|strong = "H1121" those|strong = "H3605" offerings|strong = "H8002"
 to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548"
 and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1121" living|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H5892"
 the|strong = "H3605" pasturelands|strong = "H4054"
 around|strong = "H5439" the|strong = "H3605" towns|strong = "H5892"
 in|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063". But|strong = "H3605"
 they|strong = "H3605" gave|strong = "H5414" things|strong = "H3605"
 only|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H5414" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Aaron|strong = "H0175" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 first|strong = "H1121" w* Supreme w Priest|strong = "H3548" w*,
 whose|strong = "H1121" names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H1121"
 on|strong = "H5892" the|strong = "H3605" scrolls
 containing|strong = "H8033" the|strong = "H3605" names|strong = "H8034"
 of|strong = "H1121" their|strong = "H3605" clans|strong = "H4940".

20That|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H2896"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" did|strong = "H6213"
 throughout|strong = "H3605" Judah|strong = "H3063". He|strong = "H6213"
 always|strong = "H3605" faithfully|strong = "H0571" did|strong = "H6213"
 things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" considered|strong = "H2803"
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" right|strong = "H3477"
 and|strong = "H3063" good|strong = "H2896". ²¹ In|strong = "H1004"
 everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605"
 worship|strong = "H7812" in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1004" as|strong = "H6213"
 he|strong = "H6213" obeyed|strong = "H8085" God's|strong = "H0430"
 laws|strong = "H8451" and|strong = "H1004" commands|strong = "H4687",
 he|strong = "H6213" tried|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H6213"
 find|strong = "H4672" out|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H4639"

his|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430" wanted|strong = "H3824",
 and|strong = "H1004" he|strong = "H6213" worked|strong = "H6213"
 energetically|strong = "H2388". So|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213"
 was|strong = "H1004" successful|strong = "H6743".
 The army of King Sennacherib of Assyria invaded Judah

32After|strong = "H5921" King|strong = "H4428"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" had|strong = "H4428" obeyed|strong = "H8085"
 Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" instructions|strong = "H1697"
 and|strong = "H3063" had|strong = "H4428" done|strong = "H1697"
 all|strong = "H1697" those|strong = "H5921" things|strong = "H1697",
 King|strong = "H4428" Sennacherib|strong = "H5576" of|strong = "H4428"
 Assyria|strong = "H0804" came|strong = "H1697" w with|strong = "H5921" w*
 w his|strong = "H5921" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* and|strong = "H3063"
 invaded|strong = "H1234" Judah|strong = "H3063". He|strong = "H5921"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" his|strong = "H5921"
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" to|strong = "H5921" surround|strong = "H5439"
 the|strong = "H5921" cities|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H1697"
 had|strong = "H4428" walls|strong = "H2346" around|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5921", thinking|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H1697"
 they|strong = "H5921" would|strong = "H1697" w break|strong = "H1234" w*
 w through|strong = "H5921" w* w those|strong = "H5921" w* w
 walls|strong = "H2346" w* w and|strong = "H3063" w*
 conquer|strong = "H3423" those|strong = "H5921" cities|strong = "H5892".
² When|strong = "H3588" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" saw|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "H3588" Sennacherib|strong = "H5576" had|strong = "H3588"
 come|strong = "H0935" w with|strong = "H5921" w* w
 his|strong = "H6440" w* w army|strong = "H3389" w* and|strong = "H3389"
 that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" intended|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H5921" attack|strong = "H4421" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",
³⁻⁴ he|strong = "H0834" consulted|strong = "H3289" with|strong = "H5973"
 his|strong = "H3605" officials|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H3967"
 army|strong = "H2428" leaders|strong = "H7218". They|strong = "H1992"
 said|strong = "H0559" among|strong = "H8432" themselves|strong = "H0905",
 "Why|strong = "H4100" should|strong = "H3068" we|strong = "H0587"
 allow|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Assyria|strong = "H0804" w and|strong = "H3967" w* w
 his|strong = "H3605" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* to|strong = "H0413"
 come|strong = "H0935" and|strong = "H3967" find|strong = "H4672"
 plenty|strong = "H7647" of|strong = "H1121" water|strong = "H4325"
 to|strong = "H0413" drink|strong = "H8354"?" So|strong = "H3651"
 they|strong = "H1992" decided|strong = "H3289" to|strong = "H0413"
 stop|strong = "H2308" the|strong = "H3605" water|strong = "H4325"
 from|strong = "H4480" flowing|strong = "H2100" outside|strong = "H2351"
 the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892". So|strong = "H3651"

a|strong="H1961" large|strong="H1419" group|strong="H7235"
of|strong="H1121" men|strong="H0376" gathered|strong="H6960"
together|strong="H3162" and|strong="H3967" blocked|strong="H1443"
all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" springs|strong="H4599"
and|strong="H3967" the|strong="H3605" stream|strong="H5158"
that|strong="H0834" flowed|strong="H1980" through|strong="H3027"
that|strong="H0834" area|strong="H1508". ⁵ Then|strong="H6213"
they|strong="H5921" worked|strong="H2388" hard|strong="H7186"
to|strong="H5927" repair|strong="H2388" all|strong="H3605"
the|strong="H3605" sections|strong="H6391" of|strong="H5892"
the|strong="H3605" city|strong="H5892" wall|strong="H2346"
that|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1732" been|strong="H5927"
broken|strong="H6555", and|strong="H5892" they|strong="H5921"
built|strong="H1129" watchtowers on|strong="H5921"
the|strong="H3605" walls|strong="H2346". They|strong="H5921"
built|strong="H1129" another|strong="H0312" wall|strong="H2346"
outside|strong="H2351"/around|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605"
wall|strong="H2346" that|strong="H3605" was|strong="H1732"
already|strong="H3528" outside|strong="H2351" the|strong="H3605"
city|strong="H5892", and|strong="H5892" they|strong="H5921"
strengthened|strong="H2388" the|strong="H3605"
defenses|strong="H7973" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" sloping
terraces|strong="H4546" w on|strong="H5921" w* w
the|strong="H3605" w* w east|strong="H5921" w* w
side|strong="H6285" w* w of|strong="H5892" w* w
the|strong="H3605" w* w area|strong="H1508" w* w
called|strong="H7121" w* 'w The|strong="H3605" w* w
City|strong="H5892" w* w of|strong="H5892" w* David'.
They|strong="H5921" also|strong="H1732" made|strong="H6213"
a|strong="H6213" large|strong="H7230" number|strong="H7230"
of|strong="H5892" weapons|strong="H7973" and|strong="H5892"
shields|strong="H4043".

⁶Hezekiah|strong="H2396" appointed|strong="H5414"
army|strong="H5971" commanders|strong="H8269", and|strong="H5971"
he|strong="H5414" gathered|strong="H6908" them|strong="H5414"
in|strong="H5921" front|strong="H6440" of|strong="H8269"
him|strong="H5414" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921"
square|strong="H7339" at|strong="H5921" one|strong="H5892"
of|strong="H8269" the|strong="H5921" city|strong="H5892"
gates|strong="H8179", and|strong="H5971" he|strong="H5414"
encouraged|strong="H2388" them|strong="H5414" by|strong="H5921"
saying|strong="H1696" this|strong="H5414" to|strong="H1696"
them|strong="H5414": ⁷ "Be|strong="H4428" strong|strong="H2388"
and|strong="H4428" courageous|strong="H2388". Do|strong="H3605"

not|strong = "H3588" be|strong = "H4428" afraid|strong = "H3372"
 or|strong = "H4428" discouraged|strong = "H2865" on|strong = "H2388"
 account|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804"
 and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" huge|strong = "H1995"
 army|strong = "H1995" that|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3605"
 with|strong = "H5973" him|strong = "H6440", because|strong = "H3588" w
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* is|strong = "H3605" with|strong = "H5973"
 us|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" w
 power|strong = "H2388" w* is|strong = "H3605" greater|strong = "H7227"
 than|strong = "H3588" their|strong = "H3605" w power|strong = "H2388" w*.

⁸ They|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
 rely|strong = "H8172" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 power|strong = "H2220" of|strong = "H4428" humans, but|strong = "H5971"
 we|strong = "H1697" have|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 our|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068"
 help|strong = "H5826" us|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H3068" fight|strong = "H3898" battles|strong = "H4421"
 for|strong = "H5921" us|strong = "H5921". So|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" became|strong = "H1697"
 more|strong = "H5921" confident|strong = "H0982"
 because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H4428" what|strong = "H1697"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396", the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063", said|strong = "H1697".

⁹ Later|strong = "H0310", when|strong = "H7971"
 Sennacherib|strong = "H5576" and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H5650" were|strong = "H3063"
 surrounding|strong = "H5439" Lachish|strong = "H3923" w
 city|strong = "H1931" w*, he|strong = "H1931" sent|strong = "H7971"
 some|strong = "H3605" officers|strong = "H5650" to|strong = "H7971"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" to|strong = "H7971" give|strong = "H5414"
 this|strong = "H2088" message|strong = "H3389" to|strong = "H7971"
 King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" and|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H7971" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H1931" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3063" there|strong = "H2088":

¹⁰ "w I|strong = "H3541" w* w am|strong = "H1961" w*
 Sennacherib|strong = "H5576", the|strong = "H5921" w
 great|strong = "H1419" w* king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Assyria|strong = "H0804", w and|strong = "H4428" w* this|strong = "H3541"
 is|strong = "H4100" what|strong = "H4100" I|strong = "H3541"
 say|strong = "H0559": 'While you|strong = "H5921" are|strong = "H4100"
 staying|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",

my|strong = "H5921" soldiers|strong = "H5650" are|strong = "H4100"
 surrounding|strong = "H5439" the|strong = "H5921" city|strong = "H5892".
 So|strong = "H3541" why|strong = "H4100" [RHQ] are|strong = "H4100"
 you|strong = "H5921" so|strong = "H3541" confident|strong = "H0982"? ¹¹
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" says|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H4191"
 you|strong = "H5414", "Yahweh|strong = "H3068" our|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068" save|strong = "H5337"
 us|strong = "H5414" from|strong = "H3068" w being|strong = "H3068" w* w
 defeated|strong = "H5221" w* w by|strong = "H3068" w* w
 the|strong = "H5414" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* w
 of|strong = "H4428" w* the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804", " but|strong = "H3808"
 he|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" misleading|strong = "H5496"
 you|strong = "H5414". He|strong = "H3068" wants|strong = "H2656"
 you|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H4191" die|strong = "H4191"
 from|strong = "H3068" having|strong = "H3808" no|strong = "H3808"
 food|strong = "H3899" or|strong = "H3808" water|strong = "H4325". ¹²
 Isn't|strong = "H3808" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" the|strong = "H6440"
 one|strong = "H3808" who|strong = "H1931" told|strong = "H5046"
 his|strong = "H6440" men|strong = "H0376" to|strong = "H5921"
 get|strong = "H5493" rid|strong = "H5337" of|strong = "H6440"
 your|strong = "H5921" god|strong = "H3808" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068"
 shrines|strong = "H1354" and|strong = "H3063" altars|strong = "H4196"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" hilltops, saying|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H5921" w you|strong = "H6440" w* w
 people|strong = "H3808" w* w of|strong = "H6440" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H0312"
 places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 "You|strong = "H6440" must|strong = "H3808" worship|strong = "H7812"
 at|strong = "H5921" only|strong = "H0389" one|strong = "H3808"
 altar|strong = "H4196" and|strong = "H3063" burn|strong = "H6999"
 sacrifices|strong = "H6999" on|strong = "H5921" only|strong = "H0389"
 that|strong = "H1931" altar|strong = "H4196"?"

13-14'Do you|strong = "H0859" people|strong = "H5971"
 not|strong = "H3808" know|strong = "H3045" what|strong = "H4100"
 I|strong = "H0589" and|strong = "H3967" my|strong = "H8104"
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" have|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people-groups
 in|strong = "H0935" other|strong = "H0312" countries|strong = "H0776"? w
 We|strong = "H0587" w* w destroyed|strong = "H4229" w* w
 them|strong = "H5414" w* w all|strong = "H3605" w*, w
 and|strong = "H3967" w* none|strong = "H0369" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" gods|strong = "H0430" of|strong = "H1121"
 those|strong = "H1992" nations|strong = "H1471" were|strong = "H0834"

ever|strong = "H5769" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H0413"
 prevent|strong = "H6923" my|strong = "H8104" w troops|strong = "H1416" w*
 from|strong = "H4480" conquering|strong = "H2114" them|strong = "H5414"!
 So|strong = "H3651" how|strong = "H4100" can|strong = "H4310"
 your|strong = "H3068" god|strong = "H0430" prevent|strong = "H6923"
 my|strong = "H8104" soldiers|strong = "H5650" from|strong = "H4480"
 conquering|strong = "H2114" you|strong = "H0859"? ¹⁵
 So|strong = "H3808" do|strong = "H3201" not|strong = "H3808"
 allow|strong = "H5414" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" to|strong = "H3201"
 deceive|strong = "H5377" you|strong = "H3588" like|strong = "H3808"
 this|strong = "H2063". Do|strong = "H3201" not|strong = "H3808"
 believe|strong = "H0539" what|strong = "H2063" he|strong = "H3588"
 says|strong = "H0559", because|strong = "H3588" no|strong = "H3808"
 god|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H3027" any|strong = "H3605"
 nation|strong = "H1471" or|strong = "H3808" kingdom|strong = "H4467"
 has|strong = "H3588" ever|strong = "H3808" been|strong = "H5971"
 able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3201" rescue|strong = "H5337"
 his|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H3027"
 being|strong = "H5971" conquered|strong = "H5221" by|strong = "H3027"
 my|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H3605" armies|strong = "H3808" of|strong = "H3027"
 my|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001". So|strong = "H3808"
 certainly|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H3605" god|strong = "H3808"
 will|strong = "H1471" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808"
 able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3201" rescue|strong = "H5337"
 you|strong = "H3588" from|strong = "H3027" my|strong = "H3605" power' ."

16Sennacherib's|strong = "H1696" officers|strong = "H5650"
 said|strong = "H1696" more|strong = "H5750" things|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H1696" belittle Yahweh|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921" Israelis
 and|strong = "H3068" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396", who|strong = "H3068"
 served|strong = "H5647" God|strong = "H3068" w well|strong = "H1696" w*.

¹⁷ King|strong = "H5921" Sennacherib|strong = "H5576"
 wrote|strong = "H3789" more|strong = "H3651" letters|strong = "H5612"
 insulting Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921"
 God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H5921" Israelis
 w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w*/w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. He|strong = "H3651" said|strong = "H3651"
 things|strong = "H3808" like|strong = "H3651" this|strong = "H3651":
 "The|strong = "H5921" gods|strong = "H0430" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w* w by|strong = "H3027" w*
 the|strong = "H5921" people-groups in|strong = "H5921"
 other|strong = "H0312" countries|strong = "H0776" did|strong = "H3478"
 not|strong = "H3808" rescue|strong = "H5337" their|strong = "H3068"

people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H3068" power|strong = "H3027". Similarly|strong = "H2088", the|strong = "H5921" god|strong = "H3068" of|strong = "H3068" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" will|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" rescue|strong = "H5337" his|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971" from|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H3068" power|strong = "H3027".¹⁸ Then|strong = "H4616" King|strong = "H5921" Sennachereb's officers|strong = "H7860" shouted|strong = "H7121" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" Hebrew|strong = "H5680" language|strong = "H3066" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971" who|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H5971" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" wall|strong = "H2346", in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616" to|strong = "H5921" cause|strong = "H5971" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H3389" terrified|strong = "H0926", thinking|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H5971" as|strong = "H3389" a|strong = "H7121" result|strong = "H6903" the|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H5892" Assyria|strong = "H0804" could|strong = "H5971" capture|strong = "H3920" the|strong = "H5921" city|strong = "H5892" w without|strong = "H3808" w* w a|strong = "H7121" w* w battle|strong = "H4421" w*.¹⁹ They|strong = "H5921" belittled the|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H3027" w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w* w by|strong = "H3027" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* of|strong = "H3027" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" as|strong = "H3389" they|strong = "H5921" belittled the|strong = "H5921" gods|strong = "H0430" of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312" people-groups of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H5921" world|strong = "H8398"—saying|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "H5971" they|strong = "H5921" were|strong = "H5971" only|strong = "H0389" w idols|strong = "H1544" w* made|strong = "H4639" by|strong = "H3027" humans.

20Then|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030" Isaiah|strong = "H3470" cried|strong = "H2199" out|strong = "H2199" to|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H8064", praying|strong = "H6419" about|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2063".²¹ And|strong = "H3068" w that|strong = "H3605" w* w night|strong = "H3915" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H7971" an|strong = "H7971" angel|strong = "H4397" who|strong = "H3605" killed|strong = "H2719" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H2428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804" and|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3605" leaders|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3605" officers|strong = "H8269" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" place|strong = "H1004"

where|strong = "H8033" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804" and|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3605" army|strong = "H2428" had|strong = "H3068" set|strong = "H7971" up|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H3605" tents|strong = "H4264". So|strong = "H7971" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804" left|strong = "H7725" and|strong = "H3068" returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" his|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H4578" country|strong = "H2022", very|strong = "H2428" disgraced|strong = "H0954". And|strong = "H3068" one|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117" when|strong = "H7725" he|strong = "H8033" went|strong = "H3068" into|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" god|strong = "H3068", some|strong = "H8033" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" struck|strong = "H5307" him|strong = "H6440" with|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3605" swords|strong = "H2719" and|strong = "H3068" killed|strong = "H2719" him|strong = "H6440".

22That|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3068" how|strong = "H4100" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" rescued|strong = "H5337" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H4428" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" from|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" power|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" Sennacherib|strong = "H5576", the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Assyria|strong = "H0804", and|strong = "H3068" from|strong = "H3027" their|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H3027". Yahweh|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H4428" care|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H3027" (OR|strong = "H3068", gave|strong = "H3467" them|strong = "H3027" peace|strong = "H7965") everywhere|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" country|strong = "H2022". ²³ Many|strong = "H7227" people|strong = "H1471" brought|strong = "H5375" offerings|strong = "H4503" for|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", and|strong = "H3063" also|strong = "H3068" brought|strong = "H5375" valuable|strong = "H4030" gifts|strong = "H4503" for|strong = "H3068" King|strong = "H4428" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396". And|strong = "H3063" from|strong = "H1471" that|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H7227", Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" was|strong = "H3068" highly|strong = "H3651" respected|strong = "H5375"/honored|strong = "H3513" by|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1471" of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471".

Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" became|strong = "H3205"
proud|strong = "H5375"

24About|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117" time|strong = "H3117",
Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" became|strong = "H2470" very|strong = "H5704"
ill|strong = "H2470". He|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H3068"
about|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H5704" die|strong = "H4191".
But|strong = "H1992" he|strong = "H3117" prayed|strong = "H6419"
to|strong = "H5704" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", and|strong = "H3068"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" answered|strong = "H6030" his|strong = "H5414"
prayer|strong = "H6419". He|strong = "H3117" performed|strong = "H4159"
a|strong = "H5414" miracle|strong = "H4159" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w
healed|strong = "H7495" w* w Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" w*. 25
But|strong = "H3588" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" [SYN]
was|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H7110" proud|strong = "H1361",
and|strong = "H3063" he|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3063"
not|strong = "H3808" thank|strong = "H3034" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
for|strong = "H3588" being|strong = "H1961" kind|strong = "H4327"
to|strong = "H7725" him|strong = "H5921". Therefore|strong = "H5921"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H1961" angry|strong = "H7110"
with|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H3063" w
and|strong = "H3063" w* w punished|strong = "H6485" w* w
him|strong = "H5921" w* and|strong = "H3063" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
people|strong = "H3808" w* w of|strong = "H5921" w* w
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H0312"
places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063". 26
Then|strong = "H3068" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" said|strong = "H0559"
that|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3068"
sorry|strong = "H5162" for|strong = "H5921" being|strong = "H3068"
proud|strong = "H1343", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
also|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H3117"
they|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3117" sorry|strong = "H5162" w
for|strong = "H5921" w* w their|strong = "H3068" w* w
sins|strong = "H2403" w*. So|strong = "H3808" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
did|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H3808" punish|strong = "H6485"
them|strong = "H5921" during|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H5921"
remaining|strong = "H3427" years|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117"
Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" w was|strong = "H3068" w* w
their|strong = "H3068" w* w king|strong = "H5921" w* w.
Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" became|strong = "H3205" very|strong = "H7110"
rich|strong = "H6223"

27Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" became|strong = "H1961"
very|strong = "H3966" rich|strong = "H6239" and|strong = "H3701"

was|strong = "H1961" greatly|strong = "H3966" honored|strong = "H3519".
 His|strong = "H3605" w workers|strong = "H6213" w* made|strong = "H6213"
 storerooms for|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H3605"
 silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3701" gold|strong = "H2091",
 and|strong = "H3701" for|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H3605"
 very|strong = "H3966" valuable|strong = "H3368" stones|strong = "H0068",
 and|strong = "H3701" for|strong = "H6213" spices|strong = "H1314"
 and|strong = "H3701" shields|strong = "H4043" and|strong = "H3701"
 other|strong = "H3605" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H3605".
²⁸ w His|strong = "H3605" w* w workers|strong = "H6466" w*
 also|strong = "H1571" built|strong = "H1129" buildings|strong = "H1004"
 to|strong = "H3605" store|strong = "H4543" the|strong = "H3605"
 grain|strong = "H1715" and|strong = "H1715" wine|strong = "H8492"
 and|strong = "H1715" w olive|strong = "H2132" w* oil|strong = "H3323" w
 that|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
 produced|strong = "H6213" w* w and|strong = "H1715" w* w
 brought|strong = "H0935" w* w to|strong = "H3605" w* w
 him|strong = "H3605" w*. They|strong = "H3605" also|strong = "H1571"
 made|strong = "H3605" stalls|strong = "H0723" for|strong = "H3605"
 various|strong = "H2921" kinds|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H3605"
 cattle|strong = "H4735" and|strong = "H1715" pens|strong = "H0723"
 for|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" flocks|strong = "H5739" w
 of|strong = "H3605" w* w sheep|strong = "H6629" w* w
 and|strong = "H1715" w* w goats|strong = "H5795" w*. ²⁹
 They|strong = "H3588" built|strong = "H6213" towns|strong = "H5892"
 and|strong = "H5892" acquired|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428" many|strong = "H7227"
 flocks|strong = "H6629" w of|strong = "H5892" w* w
 sheep|strong = "H6629" w* w and|strong = "H5892" w* w
 goats|strong = "H5795" w* and|strong = "H5892" herds|strong = "H1241" w
 of|strong = "H5892" w* w cattle|strong = "H4735" w*,
 because|strong = "H3588" God|strong = "H5414" had|strong = "H3588"
 enabled|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H6213"
 become|strong = "H6213" very|strong = "H3966" rich|strong = "H6223".

30Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" was|strong = "H1732" the|strong = "H3605"
 one|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" told|strong = "H5046"
 his|strong = "H3605" workers|strong = "H6466" to|strong = "H1732"
 block|strong = "H4383" the|strong = "H3605" place|strong = "H3605"
 where|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" water|strong = "H4325"
 flows|strong = "H2100" out|strong = "H4161" of|strong = "H5892"
 the|strong = "H3605" Gihon|strong = "H1521" Spring|strong = "H4161",
 and|strong = "H5892" to|strong = "H1732" build|strong = "H1129"
 a|strong = "H1732" tunnel|strong = "H6794" through|strong = "H3605"
 which|strong = "H1931" the|strong = "H3605" water|strong = "H4325"

flowed|strong = "H4325" to|strong = "H1732" the|strong = "H3605"
 west|strong = "H4628" side|strong = "H4628" of|strong = "H5892"
 the|strong = "H3605" area|strong = "H1508" called|strong = "H7121"
 'The|strong = "H3605" City|strong = "H5892" of|strong = "H5892" David'.
 He|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1732" able|strong = "H4639"
 to|strong = "H1732" do|strong = "H4639" everything|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H1931" wanted|strong = "H2654"
 to|strong = "H1732" do|strong = "H4639". ³¹ But|strong = "H1961"
 when|strong = "H1961" messengers|strong = "H4397" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1961" sent|strong = "H7971" by|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" rulers|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H8269"
 Babylon|strong = "H0894" came|strong = "H1961" and|strong = "H7971"
 asked|strong = "H1875" about|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605"
 miracle|strong = "H4159" that|strong = "H3045" God|strong = "H7971"
 had|strong = "H1961" performed|strong = "H4159" for|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5921", God|strong = "H7971" allowed|strong = "H5414"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" to|strong = "H7971" say|strong = "H0559"
 what|strong = "H3045" he|strong = "H3651" himself|strong = "H3824"
 wanted|strong = "H3824" to|strong = "H7971" say|strong = "H0559",
 in|strong = "H5921" order|strong = "H4616" to|strong = "H7971"
 test|strong = "H5254" w whether|strong = "H3045" w* w
 or|strong = "H1875" w* w not|strong = "H3045" w* w
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" w* w would|strong = "H3605" w* w
 admit|strong = "H8085" w* w that|strong = "H3045" w* w
 God|strong = "H7971" w* w had|strong = "H1961" w* w
 performed|strong = "H4159" w* w a|strong = "H1961" w* w
 miracle|strong = "H4159" w* w.

32A|strong = "H3478" record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" happened|strong = "H1697" while|strong = "H5921"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" was|strong = "H3478" ruling|strong = "H4910",
 and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H5921" did|strong = "H3478"
 to|strong = "H3478" please|strong = "H4994" God|strong = "H0430",
 is|strong = "H2617" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 scroll|strong = "H5612" in|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H1697"
 is|strong = "H2617" written|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H5921"
 vision|strong = "H2377" that|strong = "H1697" w
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w* w gave|strong = "H5414" w* w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* w the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 Isaiah|strong = "H3470". It|strong = "H5921" is|strong = "H2617"
 also|strong = "H3478" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" scroll|strong = "H5612" called|strong = "H7121"
 'The|strong = "H5921" History|strong = "H8435" of|strong = "H1121"

the|strong = "H5921" Kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H1121" Israel'. ³³
 When|strong = "H6213" Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" died|strong = "H4194",
 he|strong = "H6213" was|strong = "H1732" buried|strong = "H6912"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" tombs|strong = "H6913"
 where|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" most|strong = "H6944"
 respected|strong = "H7230" kings|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* were|strong = "H1121"
 buried|strong = "H6912". Everyone|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3427"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H3605"
 places|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 honored|strong = "H3519" him|strong = "H6213". Then|strong = "H6213"
 his|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121" Manasseh|strong = "H4519"
 became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4427".
 King Manasseh of Judah

33Manasseh|strong = "H4519" was|strong = "H1121" 12
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H2568" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H1121"
 king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H2568"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H1121" 55 years|strong = "H8141". ² He|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" many|strong = "H7227" things|strong = "H7451"
 that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 considered|strong = "H2803" to|strong = "H3478" be|strong = "H3068"
 evil|strong = "H7451". He|strong = "H6213" imitated the|strong = "H6440"
 disgusting|strong = "H8441" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H3478" formerly|strong = "H6440" done|strong = "H6213"
 by|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" people-groups
 that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 expelled|strong = "H3423" from|strong = "H6440" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 as|strong = "H6213" his|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H1471"
 advanced|strong = "H6213" w though|strong = "H3588" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w land|strong = "H6440" w*. ³
 He|strong = "H6213" commanded|strong = "H6680" his|strong = "H3605"
 workers|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H7725" rebuild|strong = "H1129"
 the|strong = "H3605" shrines|strong = "H1354" w for|strong = "H6213" w* w
 worshiping|strong = "H7812" w* w idols|strong = "H1544" w*
 that|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" father|strong = "H0001"
 Hezekiah|strong = "H2396" had|strong = "H6635"
 destroyed|strong = "H5422". He|strong = "H6213" told|strong = "H6213"
 them|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" set|strong = "H6965"
 up|strong = "H6965" altars|strong = "H4196" to|strong = "H7725" w
 honor|strong = "H3519" w* the|strong = "H3605" statues|strong = "H2088"

of|strong = "H4196" Baal|strong = "H1168", and|strong = "H6965"
to|strong = "H7725" make|strong = "H6213" altars|strong = "H4196"
to|strong = "H7725" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w*
w goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842".
He|strong = "H6213" bowed|strong = "H7812" down|strong = "H5422"
to|strong = "H7725" w worship|strong = "H7812" w* all|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" stars|strong = "H3556". ⁴ He|strong = "H3068"
directed|strong = "H5090" his|strong = "H3068" workers|strong = "H1129"
to|strong = "H3068" build|strong = "H1129" altars|strong = "H4196" w
for|strong = "H8034" w* w foreign|strong = "H5237" w* w
gods|strong = "H0430" w* in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
temple|strong = "H1004", about|strong = "H1961" which|strong = "H3068"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H0559",
"It|strong = "H8034" is|strong = "H3068" here|strong = "H6311"
in|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" that|strong = "H3068"
I|strong = "H3068" want|strong = "H4270" people|strong = "H5971"
to|strong = "H3068" worship|strong = "H7812" me|strong = "H1961",
forever|strong = "H5769". ⁵ He|strong = "H3068"
directed|strong = "H5090" that|strong = "H3605" altars|strong = "H4196"
for|strong = "H3068" w worshiping|strong = "H7812" w* all|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" stars|strong = "H3556" be|strong = "H3068"
built|strong = "H1129" in|strong = "H3068" both|strong = "H8147"
of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" courtyards|strong = "H2691"
outside|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". ⁶
He|strong = "H1931" even|strong = "H6213" sacrificed|strong = "H6213" w
some|strong = "H4480" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w* his|strong = "H3068"
own|strong = "H5869" sons|strong = "H1121" and|strong = "H1121"
burned|strong = "H8313" them|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H3068"
a|strong = "H6213" fire|strong = "H0784" in|strong = "H3068"
Hinnom|strong = "H2011" Valley|strong = "H1516". He|strong = "H1931"
performed|strong = "H6213" rituals to|strong = "H3068"
practice|strong = "H6213" sorcery|strong = "H3784". He|strong = "H1931"
asked|strong = "H7592" fortune-tellers|strong = "H6049"
for|strong = "H6213" advice|strong = "H6098". He|strong = "H1931"
performed|strong = "H6213" witchcraft|strong = "H6049".
He|strong = "H1931" talked|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H3068"
people|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H1931" consulted|strong = "H3289"
the|strong = "H6213" spirits|strong = "H7307" of|strong = "H1121"
people|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H1931" had|strong = "H3068"
died|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "H3068" find|strong = "H4672"
out|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H7451" would|strong = "H3068"
happen|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6213"
future|strong = "H0319". He|strong = "H1931" did|strong = "H6213"
many|strong = "H7235" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H1931"
Yahweh|strong = "H3068" conidered o|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
very|strong = "H7235" evil|strong = "H7451", things|strong = "H7451"

that|strong = "H1931" caused|strong = "H5674" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
to|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H6213" very|strong = "H7235"
angry|strong = "H3707".

7Manasseh|strong = "H4519" took|strong = "H7760" a|strong = "H6213"
carved|strong = "H6213" idol|strong = "H6459" w that|strong = "H3605" w* w
his|strong = "H3605" w* w workers|strong = "H6213" w* w
had|strong = "H3478" w* w made|strong = "H6213" w* and|strong = "H1121"
put|strong = "H7760" it|strong = "H7760" in|strong = "H3478"
the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004". That|strong = "H3605"
is|strong = "H2088" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004"
concerning|strong = "H3478" which|strong = "H1004" God|strong = "H0430"
had|strong = "H3478" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H3478"
David|strong = "H1732" and|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3478"
his|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121" Solomon|strong = "H8010",
"My|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" will|strong = "H3478"
be|strong = "H1121" here|strong = "H2088" in|strong = "H3478"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892"
that|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "H7760" have|strong = "H1121"
chosen|strong = "H0977" w where|strong = "H1004" w* w
I|strong = "H7760" w* w want|strong = "H4270" w* w
people|strong = "H1121" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
worship|strong = "H3478" me|strong = "H7760", forever|strong = "H3605".

⁸ If|strong = "H0518" they|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H3478"
obey|strong = "H6213" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
laws|strong = "H8451" and|strong = "H4872" decrees|strong = "H2706"
and|strong = "H4872" regulations|strong = "H4941" that|strong = "H3605"
I|strong = "H5921" told|strong = "H6680" Moses|strong = "H4872"
to|strong = "H3478" give|strong = "H6680" to|strong = "H3478"
them|strong = "H5921", I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H3478"
not|strong = "H3808" again|strong = "H3254" force|strong = "H3027"
the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H3478"
leave|strong = "H5493" this|strong = "H6213" land|strong = "H0776"
that|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "H5921" gave|strong = "H6680"
to|strong = "H3478" their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001".⁹
But|strong = "H7451" Manasseh|strong = "H4519" led|strong = "H8582"
the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H1471" of|strong = "H1121"
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H1121" other|strong = "H0312"
places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H3427" Judah|strong = "H3063"
to|strong = "H3478" do|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H7451"
that|strong = "H3068" are|strong = "H1121" wrong|strong = "H7451",
with|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" result|strong = "H4480"
that|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H6213"
more|strong = "H4480" evil|strong = "H7451" than|strong = "H4480"
was|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213" by|strong = "H3068"

the|strong = "H6440" people|strong = "H1471" in|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H6440" people-groups that|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" expelled|strong = "H3423"
 as|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6440" Israeli people|strong = "H1471"
 advanced|strong = "H6213" w through|strong = "H4480" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w land|strong = "H6440" w*.

10Yahweh|strong = "H3068" spoke|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519" and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063",
 but|strong = "H3808" they|strong = "H3068" paid|strong = "H7181"
 no|strong = "H3808" attention|strong = "H7181". ¹¹ So|strong = "H5921"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" caused|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
 army|strong = "H6635" commanders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428"
 Assyria|strong = "H0804" w and|strong = "H3068" w* w
 their|strong = "H3068" w* w soldiers|strong = "H6635" w*
 to|strong = "H3212" w come|strong = "H3212" w* w to|strong = "H3212" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w*, w and|strong = "H3068" w* w
 they|strong = "H3068" w* captured|strong = "H3920"
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519". They|strong = "H3068" put|strong = "H3068"
 a|strong = "H3068" hook|strong = "H2336" in|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H3068" nose|strong = "H0639" and|strong = "H3068"
 put|strong = "H3068" bronze|strong = "H5178" chains|strong = "H5178"
 on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3068" w feet|strong = "H7272" w*
 and|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H3920" him|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H3212" Babylon|strong = "H0894". ¹² There|strong = "H3068",
 while|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H3068" was|strong = "H3068"
 suffering|strong = "H6040", he|strong = "H3068" humbled|strong = "H3665"
 himself|strong = "H3665" greatly|strong = "H3966" in|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H6440" presence|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H6440" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*, and|strong = "H3068"
 pleaded|strong = "H7378" with|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 to|strong = "H3068" help|strong = "H5826" him|strong = "H6440". ¹³
 When|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" prayed|strong = "H6419",
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" heard|strong = "H8085" him|strong = "H7725"
 and|strong = "H3068" pitied|strong = "H2550" him|strong = "H7725".
 So|strong = "H7725" he|strong = "H1931" w allowed|strong = "H3068" w* w
 him|strong = "H7725" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* return|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "H7725" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3068" w
 to|strong = "H7725" w* rule|strong = "H4438" his|strong = "H3068"
 kingdom|strong = "H4438" again|strong = "H7725". Then|strong = "H7725"
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519" realized|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H3588"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" w an|strong = "H3588" w*

all-powerful God|strong = "H3068".

14 Later|strong = "H0310", Manasseh's|strong = "H4519" w
workers|strong = "H1129" w* rebuilt|strong = "H1129" the|strong = "H3605"
eastern|strong = "H6931" section|strong = "H4060" of|strong = "H8269"
the|strong = "H3605" outer|strong = "H2435" wall|strong = "H2346"
around|strong = "H5437" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", and|strong = "H3063"
w they|strong = "H3651" w* made|strong = "H7760" it|strong = "H7760"
higher|strong = "H1361". That|strong = "H3605" section|strong = "H4060"
extended|strong = "H5186" from|strong = "H5437" Gihon|strong = "H1521"
Spring|strong = "H6779" w north|strong = "H6828" w* to|strong = "H1732"
the|strong = "H3605" Fish|strong = "H1709" Gate|strong = "H8179",
and|strong = "H3063" around|strong = "H5437" the|strong = "H3605"
part|strong = "H7992" of|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H3605"
city|strong = "H5892" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3651"
called|strong = "H7760" Ophel|strong = "H6077" w Hill|strong = "H2022" w*.
Manasseh|strong = "H1129" also|strong = "H1732"
appointed|strong = "H7760" army|strong = "H2428"
officers|strong = "H8269" to|strong = "H1732" guard|strong = "H2876"
each|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H3605"
cities|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H5892" Judah|strong = "H3063"
that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H1732" walls|strong = "H2346"
around|strong = "H5437" them|strong = "H7760". ¹⁵
Manasseh's|strong = "H4519" w workers|strong = "H1129" w*
removed|strong = "H5493" from|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H3605"
temple|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" idols|strong = "H1544"
and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" stone|strong = "H0068"
statues|strong = "H2088" of|strong = "H1004" gods|strong = "H0430"
of|strong = "H1004" other|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471".
Manasseh|strong = "H1129" also|strong = "H3068" w
told|strong = "H5046" w* w them|strong = "H7993" w* w
to|strong = "H3068" w* remove|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H3605"
altars|strong = "H4196" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3068"
had|strong = "H3068" previously|strong = "H8543" built|strong = "H1129"
on|strong = "H3068" Zion|strong = "H6726" Hill|strong = "H2022"
and|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H3068" w other|strong = "H3605" w* w
places|strong = "H1004" w* w in|strong = "H3068" w*
Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". He|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605"
thrown|strong = "H7993" out|strong = "H2351" of|strong = "H1004"
the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892". ¹⁶ Then|strong = "H3068"
he|strong = "H3068" w told|strong = "H5046" w* w them|strong = "H5921" w*
w to|strong = "H3478" w* repair|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H5921"
altar|strong = "H4196" of|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
and|strong = "H3063" he|strong = "H3068" offered|strong = "H2076"

sacrifices|strong = "H2077" to|strong = "H3478" restore|strong = "H7725"
 fellowship|strong = "H2266" with|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3478"
 thank|strong = "H8426" him|strong = "H5921". And|strong = "H3063"
 he|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H5046" w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063" that|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3068"
 must|strong = "H3478" worship|strong = "H5647" w
 only|strong = "H0389" w* Yahweh|strong = "H3068". ¹⁷
 The|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971" continued|strong = "H5750"
 to|strong = "H3068" offer|strong = "H2076" sacrifices|strong = "H2076"
 on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" hilltops, but|strong = "H7535"
 only|strong = "H7535" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 their|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068".

18The|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H3068" happened|strong = "H1697" while|strong = "H5921"
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519" was|strong = "H3068" ruling|strong = "H4910",
 including|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3068" prayer|strong = "H8605"
 to|strong = "H1696" God|strong = "H3068" and|strong = "H3478"
 the|strong = "H5921" messages|strong = "H1697" from|strong = "H5921"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 prophets|strong = "H2374" gave|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696"
 him|strong = "H5921", are|strong = "H3478" written|strong = "H3789"
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" scroll|strong = "H5612"
 called|strong = "H8034" "The|strong = "H5921" History|strong = "H8435"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" Kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Israel'. ¹⁹ What|strong = "H1697"
 Manasseh|strong = "H1129" prayed|strong = "H6279" and|strong = "H6440"
 how|strong = "H4100" God|strong = "H0430" pitied|strong = "H2550"
 him|strong = "H6440" because|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3605"
 pleaded|strong = "H7378" to|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H0430",
 and|strong = "H6440" also|strong = "H3789" his|strong = "H3605"
 sins|strong = "H2403" and|strong = "H6440" ways|strong = "H1697"
 in|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H3605"
 disobeyed|strong = "H4604" God|strong = "H0430", and|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H3605" w list|strong = "H4557" w* w of|strong = "H1697" w*
 places|strong = "H1116" where|strong = "H4725" he|strong = "H3605"
 built|strong = "H1129" shrines|strong = "H1354" and|strong = "H6440"
 set|strong = "H5975" up|strong = "H5975" poles|strong = "H0905"
 to|strong = "H5921" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w*
 w goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842"
 and|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H3605" idols|strong = "H6456" w
 before|strong = "H6440" w* w he|strong = "H3605" w* w
 humbled|strong = "H3665" w* w himself|strong = "H3665" w*,

are|strong="H1697" written|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921"
 what|strong="H1697" the|strong="H3605" prophets|strong="H5030"
 wrote|strong="H3789". ²⁰ Manasseh|strong="H4519"
 died|strong="H4191" and|strong="H1121" was|strong="H1004"
 buried|strong="H6912" in|strong="H1004" his|strong="H8478"
 palace|strong="H1004". Then|strong="H1121" his|strong="H8478"
 son|strong="H1121" Amon|strong="H0526" became|strong="H4427"
 the|strong="H8478" king|strong="H4427" w of|strong="H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong="H3063" w*.
 King|strong="H4427" Amon|strong="H0526" of|strong="H1121"
 Judah|strong="H3063"

21 Amon|strong="H0526" was|strong="H1121" 22
 years|strong="H8141" old|strong="H1121" when|strong="H1121"
 he|strong="H8147" became|strong="H4427" king|strong="H4427",
 and|strong="H1121" he|strong="H8147" ruled|strong="H4427"
 in|strong="H8141" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" for|strong="H1121"
 two|strong="H8147" years|strong="H8141". ²² He|strong="H6213"
 did|strong="H6213" things|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605"
 Yahweh|strong="H3068" considered|strong="H2803" to|strong="H3068"
 be|strong="H3068" evil|strong="H7451", like|strong="H6213"
 his|strong="H3605" father|strong="H0001" Manasseh|strong="H4519"
 had|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213". Amon|strong="H0526"
 worshiped|strong="H5647" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"
 idols|strong="H6456" that|strong="H3605" Manasseh's|strong="H4519" w
 workers|strong="H6213" w* had|strong="H3068" made|strong="H6213".
²³ But|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931" did|strong="H3068"
 not|strong="H3808" humble|strong="H3665" himself|strong="H1931"
 and|strong="H3068" turn|strong="H7725" to|strong="H3068"
 Yahweh|strong="H3068" like|strong="H3808" his|strong="H3068"
 father|strong="H0001" did|strong="H3068". So|strong="H3808"
 he|strong="H1931" became|strong="H7235" more|strong="H7235"
 sinful|strong="H2400" than|strong="H7235" his|strong="H3068"
 father|strong="H0001" had|strong="H3068" been|strong="H3808".

24 Then|strong="H4191" Amon's|strong="H0526"
 officials|strong="H5650" made|strong="H7194" plans|strong="H4284"
 to|strong="H4191" kill|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5921".
 They|strong="H5921" assassinated|strong="H4191" him|strong="H5921"
 in|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" palace|strong="H1004". ²⁵
 But|strong="H5221" then|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"
 people|strong="H5971" of|strong="H1121" Judah|strong="H3063"
 killed|strong="H5221" all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605"
 who|strong="H3605" had|strong="H4428" assassinated|strong="H4191"
 Amon|strong="H0526", and|strong="H1121" they|strong="H5921"

appointed|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H1121"
 their|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428".
 King Josiah of Judah

34Josiah|strong = "H2977" was|strong = "H1121" eight|strong = "H8083"
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H3389" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H1121"
 king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. He|strong = "H3389" ruled|strong = "H4427"
 from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" for|strong = "H1121" 31
 years|strong = "H8141". ² He|strong = "H6213" did|strong = "H6213"
 things|strong = "H3808" that|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H5869"
 pleasing|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 and|strong = "H3068" conducted|strong = "H1240" his|strong = "H3068"
 life|strong = "H5315" like|strong = "H1870" his|strong = "H3068" ancestor
 King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H3068"
 done|strong = "H6213". He|strong = "H6213" fully|strong = "H4390"
 obeyed|strong = "H8085" [IDM] all|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213"
 laws|strong = "H8451" of|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068".

3When|strong = "H4480" he|strong = "H1931" had|strong = "H1732"
 been|strong = "H4427" ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H3389"
 almost|strong = "H4592" eight|strong = "H8083" years|strong = "H8141",
 while|strong = "H5750" he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1732"
 still|strong = "H5750" a|strong = "H4480" young|strong = "H5288"
 man|strong = "H5288", he|strong = "H1931" began|strong = "H2490"
 to|strong = "H3389" worship|strong = "H7812" God|strong = "H0430"
 like|strong = "H3644" his|strong = "H1732" ancestor w
 King|strong = "H4427" w* David|strong = "H1732" had|strong = "H1732"
 done|strong = "H6213". Four|strong = "H0702" years|strong = "H8141"
 later|strong = "H4480", he|strong = "H1931" began|strong = "H2490"
 to|strong = "H3389" get|strong = "H3947" rid|strong = "H5337"
 of|strong = "H8141" all|strong = "H1875" the|strong = "H4480"
 pagan|strong = "H5869" shrines|strong = "H1354" on|strong = "H4480"
 hilltops in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 and|strong = "H3063" in|strong = "H8141" w other|strong = "H5750" w* w
 places|strong = "H1116" w* w in|strong = "H8141" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H4480"
 poles|strong = "H0905" to|strong = "H3389" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* w
 the|strong = "H4480" w* w goddess|strong = "H0430" w*
 Asherah|strong = "H0842", and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H4480"
 carved|strong = "H6456" idols|strong = "H6456" and|strong = "H3063"
 statues|strong = "H2088" of|strong = "H8141" gods|strong = "H0430". ⁴
 While|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H5921" directed|strong = "H5090"

them|strong = "H5921", his|strong = "H6440" workers|strong = "H6466"
 tore|strong = "H5422" down|strong = "H5422" the|strong = "H6440"
 altars|strong = "H4196" where|strong = "H5921" people|strong = "H5971"
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" Baal|strong = "H1168". They|strong = "H5921"
 smashed|strong = "H7665" the|strong = "H6440" altars|strong = "H4196"
 that|strong = "H4196" were|strong = "H5921" near|strong = "H6440"
 those|strong = "H5921" altars|strong = "H4196", where|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" burned|strong = "H8313" incense|strong = "H2553".
 They|strong = "H5921" smashed|strong = "H7665" the|strong = "H6440"
 poles|strong = "H0905" to|strong = "H5921" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w goddess|strong = "H0430" w*
 Asherah|strong = "H0842" and|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440"
 idols|strong = "H6456" and|strong = "H6440" statues|strong = "H2088".
 They|strong = "H5921" smashed|strong = "H7665" them|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H5921" bits|strong = "H6595" and|strong = "H6440"
 scattered|strong = "H2236" the|strong = "H6440" bits|strong = "H6595"
 over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440" graves|strong = "H6913"
 of|strong = "H6440" those|strong = "H5921" who|strong = "H4605"
 had|strong = "H3068" offered|strong = "H2076" sacrifices|strong = "H2076"
 to|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921". ⁵ They|strong = "H5921"
 burned|strong = "H8313" the|strong = "H5921" bones|strong = "H6106"
 of|strong = "H4196" the|strong = "H5921" priests|strong = "H3548" w
 who|strong = "H3548" w* w had|strong = "H3063" w* w
 offered|strong = "H5927" w* w sacrifices|strong = "H2077" w*;
 they|strong = "H5921" burned|strong = "H8313" them|strong = "H5921"
 on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H8313" own|strong = "H3548"
 altars|strong = "H4196". In|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H3548"
 way|strong = "H5921" Josiah|strong = "H2977" caused|strong = "H5414"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H0312"
 places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H3389" acceptable|strong = "H7522"
 places|strong = "H1116" to|strong = "H5921" worship|strong = "H7812"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" again|strong = "H7725". ⁶ In|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5704" towns|strong = "H5892" in|strong = "H1004" w
 the|strong = "H5704" w* w tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w
 of|strong = "H1004" w* w Manasseh|strong = "H4519",
 Ephraim|strong = "H0669", and|strong = "H1004" Simeon|strong = "H8095",
 and|strong = "H1004" as|strong = "H5704" far|strong = "H5704" w
 north|strong = "H6828" w* w as|strong = "H5704" w the|strong = "H5704" w* w
 tribe|strong = "H4294" w* w of|strong = "H1004" w* w
 Naphtali|strong = "H5321" and|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5704" ruins|strong = "H5892" around|strong = "H5439"
 all|strong = "H5439" those|strong = "H1992" towns|strong = "H5892", ⁷
 Josiah's|strong = "H2977" w workers|strong = "H6466" w*
 tore|strong = "H5422" down|strong = "H5422" the|strong = "H3605"
 pagan|strong = "H5869" altars|strong = "H4196" and|strong = "H3478"

the|strong = "H3605" poles|strong = "H0905" to|strong = "H7725" w
honor|strong = "H3519" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
goddess|strong = "H0430" w* Asherah|strong = "H0842",
and|strong = "H3478" crushed|strong = "H3807" the|strong = "H3605"
idols|strong = "H6456" to|strong = "H7725" powder|strong = "H1854".
They|strong = "H3478" also|strong = "H3478" smashed|strong = "H5422"
to|strong = "H7725" pieces|strong = "H3807" all|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" altars|strong = "H4196" for|strong = "H4196"
burning|strong = "H2740" incense|strong = "H2553"
throughout|strong = "H3605" Israel|strong = "H3478".
Then|strong = "H7725" Josiah|strong = "H2977" returned|strong = "H7725"
to|strong = "H7725" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

8When|strong = "H7971" Josiah|strong = "H2977" had|strong = "H3068"
been|strong = "H4427" ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H7971"
almost|strong = "H4592" 18 years|strong = "H8141", he|strong = "H3068" w
did|strong = "H3068" w* w something|strong = "H1697" w* w
else|strong = "H5750" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* cause|strong = "H2600"
the|strong = "H3068" land|strong = "H0776" and|strong = "H1121"
the|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3068"
be|strong = "H3068" acceptable|strong = "H7522" places|strong = "H1004"
to|strong = "H3068" worship|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".
He|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H7971" Shaphan|strong = "H8227"
the|strong = "H3068" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
Azaliah|strong = "H0683" and|strong = "H1121" Maaseiah|strong = "H4641"
the|strong = "H3068" governor|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H1121"
the|strong = "H3068" city|strong = "H5892" and|strong = "H1121"
Joah|strong = "H3098" the|strong = "H3068" son|strong = "H1121"
of|strong = "H1121" Joahaz|strong = "H3099", who|strong = "H3068"
wrote|strong = "H3789" on|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H7971"
scroll|strong = "H5612" what|strong = "H2142" happened|strong = "H1961"
in|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H3068" city|strong = "H5892",
to|strong = "H3068" repair|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H3068"
temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068".

9They|strong = "H3478" went|strong = "H3478" to|strong = "H3478"
Hilkiah|strong = "H2518" the|strong = "H3605" Supreme
Priest|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3063" gave|strong = "H5414"
him|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605" money|strong = "H3701"
that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3478" been|strong = "H3605"
brought|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
temple|strong = "H1004". That|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3478"
the|strong = "H3605" money|strong = "H3701" that|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004"
Levi|strong = "H3881" who|strong = "H3605" guarded|strong = "H8104"

the|strong = "H3605" doors|strong = "H5592" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004" had|strong = "H3478"
 collected|strong = "H6908" from|strong = "H3478" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H1004" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 tribes|strong = "H7626" w* w of|strong = "H1004" w*
 Manasseh|strong = "H4519" and|strong = "H3063" Ephraim|strong = "H0669"
 and|strong = "H3063" w other|strong = "H3605" w* w
 places|strong = "H1004" w* w in|strong = "H3427" w* w
 northern|strong = "H6828" w* Israel|strong = "H3478", and|strong = "H3063"
 also|strong = "H3478" from|strong = "H3478" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" other|strong = "H3605"
 places|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605"
 tribes|strong = "H7626" of|strong = "H1004" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 and|strong = "H3063" Benjamin|strong = "H1144".

10Then|strong = "H5414" Hilkiah|strong = "H2518" gave|strong = "H5414"
 some|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5921"
 money|strong = "H3701" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 men|strong = "H6213" who|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 been|strong = "H6485" appointed|strong = "H6485" to|strong = "H3068"
 supervise|strong = "H5329" the|strong = "H5921" work|strong = "H4399"
 of|strong = "H1004" repairing|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H5921"
 temple|strong = "H1004". The|strong = "H5921"
 supervisors|strong = "H6485" paid|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5921"
 men|strong = "H6213" who|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H5921" repair|strong = "H2388" work|strong = "H4399". ¹¹
 They|strong = "H4428" also|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H5414"
 some|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414"
 money|strong = "H3701" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414"
 carpenters|strong = "H2796" and|strong = "H3063" builders|strong = "H1129"
 to|strong = "H5414" buy|strong = "H7069" the|strong = "H5414"
 cut|strong = "H3772" stones|strong = "H0068" and|strong = "H3063"
 the|strong = "H5414" timber|strong = "H6086" for|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5414" joists and|strong = "H3063" the|strong = "H5414"
 beams|strong = "H7136" for|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5414"
 buildings|strong = "H1004" that|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414"
 kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063"
 had|strong = "H4428" allowed|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414"
 decay|strong = "H7845".

12The|strong = "H3605" workers|strong = "H4399" did|strong = "H6213"
 their|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4399" faithfully|strong = "H0571".
 Their|strong = "H3605" supervisors|strong = "H5329" were|strong = "H1121"
 Jahath|strong = "H3189" and|strong = "H1121" Obadiah|strong = "H5662",

who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" w Levi's|strong = "H3878" w* w son|strong = "H1121" w*
 Merari|strong = "H4847", and|strong = "H1121" Zechariah|strong = "H2148"
 and|strong = "H1121" Meshullam|strong = "H4918", who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" w
 Levi's|strong = "H3878" w* w son|strong = "H1121" w*
 Kohath|strong = "H6955". All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Levi|strong = "H3881", those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605"
 played|strong = "H2181" musical|strong = "H7892"
 instruments|strong = "H3627" well|strong = "H3190", ¹³
 supervised|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 workers|strong = "H4399" as|strong = "H6213" they|strong = "H5921"
 did|strong = "H6213" their|strong = "H3605" various|strong = "H2921" jobs.
 Some|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H5921" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 were|strong = "H3881" secretaries|strong = "H5613" and|strong = "H6213"
 some|strong = "H3605" kept|strong = "H6213" records|strong = "H1697"
 and|strong = "H6213" some|strong = "H3605" guarded|strong = "H8104"
 the|strong = "H3605" gates|strong = "H8179" w of|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*.
 The|strong = "H3605" scroll|strong = "H5612" containing|strong = "H8033"
 God's|strong = "H0430" laws|strong = "H8451" was|strong = "H5656"
 found|strong = "H4672"

14 While|strong = "H1004" they|strong = "H3068" were|strong = "H3027"
 giving|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3068"
 supervisors|strong = "H5329" the|strong = "H3068" money|strong = "H3701"
 that|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H3068"
 taken|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H3068"
 temple|strong = "H1004", Hilkiah|strong = "H2518" the|strong = "H3068"
 Supreme Priest|strong = "H3548" found|strong = "H4672" a|strong = "H4672"
 scroll|strong = "H5612" on|strong = "H3027" which|strong = "H3068"
 were|strong = "H3027" written|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H3068"
 laws|strong = "H8451" that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 had|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H5046" Moses|strong = "H4872"
 to|strong = "H3318" give|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3318"
 the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971". ¹⁵ So|strong = "H5414"
 Hilkiah|strong = "H2518" said|strong = "H6030" to|strong = "H3068"
 Shaphan|strong = "H8227", "I|strong = "H5414" have|strong = "H3068"
 found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414"
 temple|strong = "H1004" a|strong = "H5414" scroll|strong = "H5612"
 on|strong = "H3068" which|strong = "H3068" are|strong = "H3068"
 written|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H5414" laws|strong = "H8451" w
 that|strong = "H3068" w* w God|strong = "H3068" w* w

gave|strong="H5414" w* w to|strong="H3068" w* w
 Moses|strong="H5414" w*!" Then|strong="H6030"
 Hilkih|strong="H2518" gave|strong="H5414" the|strong="H5414"
 scroll|strong="H5612" to|strong="H3068" Shaphan|strong="H8227".

16 Shaphan|strong="H8227" w took|strong="H4428" w* w
 the|strong="H3605" w* w scroll|strong="H5612" w* to|strong="H7725"
 the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" and|strong="H7725"
 said|strong="H1697" to|strong="H7725" him|strong="H5414",
 "Your|strong="H3605" officials|strong="H5650" are|strong="H1992"
 doing|strong="H6213" everything|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605"
 you|strong="H5414" told|strong="H1697" them|strong="H5414"
 to|strong="H7725" do|strong="H6213". 17 They|strong="H3068"
 have|strong="H3068" taken|strong="H6213" the|strong="H5921"
 money|strong="H3701" that|strong="H3068" was|strong="H3068"
 in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" temple|strong="H1004",
 and|strong="H3068" they|strong="H3068" have|strong="H3068"
 given|strong="H5414" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H3068"
 the|strong="H5921" men|strong="H6213" who|strong="H3068"
 will|strong="H3068" supervise|strong="H5329" the|strong="H5921"
 workers|strong="H4399" who|strong="H3068" will|strong="H3068"
 repair|strong="H2388" the|strong="H5921" temple|strong="H1004". 18
 Then|strong="H5414" Shaphan|strong="H8227" said|strong="H7121"
 to|strong="H5414" the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428", "w
 I|strong="H5414" w* w have|strong="H3548" w* w
 brought|strong="H5414" w* w to|strong="H5414" w* w
 you|strong="H5414" w* a|strong="H5414" scroll|strong="H5612" w
 that|strong="H3548" w* Hilkih|strong="H2518" gave|strong="H5414"
 to|strong="H5414" me|strong="H5414". And|strong="H4428"
 Shaphan|strong="H8227" started|strong="H2490" to|strong="H5414"
 read|strong="H7121" it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414"
 the|strong="H6440" king|strong="H4428".

19 When|strong="H1961" the|strong="H8085" king|strong="H4428"
 heard|strong="H8085" the|strong="H8085" laws|strong="H8451" w
 that|strong="H8085" w* w were|strong="H1961" w* w
 written|strong="H3789" w* w in|strong="H4428" w* w
 the|strong="H8085" w* w scroll|strong="H5612" w*, he|strong="H4428"
 tore|strong="H7167" his|strong="H8085" clothes|strong="H0899" w
 because|strong="H1697" w* w he|strong="H4428" w* w
 was|strong="H1961" w* w very|strong="H3966" w* w
 dismayed|strong="H2865" w*/w worried|strong="H1672" w*. 20
 Then|strong="H4428" he|strong="H6680" gave|strong="H6680"
 these|strong="H4428" instructions|strong="H6680" to|strong="H1121"
 Hilkih|strong="H2518", to|strong="H1121" Shaphan's

son|strong = "H1121" Ahikam|strong = "H0296", to|strong = "H1121"
 Micah's|strong = "H4318" son|strong = "H1121" Abdon|strong = "H5658",
 to|strong = "H1121" Shaphan|strong = "H8227", and|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H1121" Asaiah|strong = "H6222" the|strong = "H6680"
 king's|strong = "H4428" special|strong = "H6381" advisor: ²¹
 "Go|strong = "H3212" and|strong = "H3063" ask|strong = "H1875"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" for|strong = "H3588" me|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H3063" for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3808" who|strong = "H3605"
 are|strong = "H3478" still|strong = "H3588" alive|strong = "H7604"
 in|strong = "H5921" Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063"
 Israel|strong = "H3478", about|strong = "H5921" what|strong = "H1697"
 is|strong = "H3068" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921"
 this|strong = "H2088" scroll|strong = "H5612" that|strong = "H3588"
 has|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H3808" found|strong = "H4672".
 Because|strong = "H3588" w it|strong = "H5921" w* w is|strong = "H3068" w*
 w clear|strong = "H3605" w* w that|strong = "H3588" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" is|strong = "H3068" very|strong = "H2088"
 angry|strong = "H2534" with|strong = "H3068" us|strong = "H5921"
 because|strong = "H3588" our|strong = "H3068" ancestors|strong = "H0001"
 disobeyed|strong = "H6963" what|strong = "H1697"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" said|strong = "H1697"; they|strong = "H3588"
 did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" obey|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451" that|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H3478" written|strong = "H3789" on|strong = "H5921"
 this|strong = "H2088" scroll|strong = "H5612"."

22So|strong = "H2063" Hilkiyah|strong = "H2518" and|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H8104" others|strong = "H0312" went|strong = "H3212"
 to|strong = "H1696" talk|strong = "H1696" with|strong = "H1696"
 a|strong = "H1696" woman|strong = "H0802" whose|strong = "H1121"
 name|strong = "H8034" was|strong = "H1931" Huldah|strong = "H2468",
 who|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" a|strong = "H1696"
 prophetess|strong = "H5031" who|strong = "H1931" lived|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H8104" newer part|strong = "H1931"
 of|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". Her|strong = "H1931"
 husband|strong = "H0376" Shallum|strong = "H7967" who|strong = "H1931"
 was|strong = "H1931" the|strong = "H8104" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Tikvah|strong = "H8616", took|strong = "H4428"
 care|strong = "H8104" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H8104"
 robes|strong = "H0899" that|strong = "H1931" were|strong = "H1121"
 worn|strong = "H1086" w in|strong = "H3427" w* w the|strong = "H8104" w*
 w temple|strong = "H1004" w*.

23w When|strong = "H7971" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w
 told|strong = "H5046" w* w her|strong = "H7971" w* w
 what|strong = "H3541" w* w the|strong = "H3541" w* w
 king|strong = "H4428" w* w had|strong = "H3068" w* w
 said|strong = "H0559" w*, she|strong = "H1931" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H3478" them|strong = "H7971", "This|strong = "H3541"
 is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H3541" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3541" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834"
 we|strong = "H0587" Israelis w worship|strong = "H3478" w*,
 says|strong = "H3541": "Go|strong = "H7971" back|strong = "H7725"
 and|strong = "H3478" tell|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H3541"
 king|strong = "H4428" who|strong = "H3068" sent|strong = "H7971"
 you|strong = "H7971" ²⁴ that|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H2088"
 is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H2088" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 says|strong = "H3541": "Listen|strong = "H2005" to|strong = "H3068"
 this|strong = "H2088" carefully|strong = "H3605". I|strong = "H2005"
 am|strong = "H3068" going|strong = "H2005" to|strong = "H3068"
 cause|strong = "H7121" a|strong = "H7121" disaster|strong = "H7451"
 to|strong = "H3068" strike|strong = "H5221" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3427" who|strong = "H3605" live|strong = "H3427"
 here|strong = "H2088". I|strong = "H2005" will|strong = "H3068"
 cause|strong = "H7121" them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068"
 experience|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H3605" curses|strong = "H7043"
 that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3063" written|strong = "H3789"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" scroll|strong = "H5612"
 that|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H3068" read|strong = "H7121"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063". ²⁵ I|strong = "H2088"
 will|strong = "H3027" do|strong = "H4639" that|strong = "H3605"
 because|strong = "H4616" they|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H3027"
 rejected|strong = "H5800" me|strong = "H5800", and|strong = "H3027"
 they|strong = "H3808" burn|strong = "H6999" incense|strong = "H6999"
 to|strong = "H3027" w honor|strong = "H3519" w* other|strong = "H2088"
 gods|strong = "H0430". They|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H3027"
 caused|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5800" to|strong = "H3027"
 become|strong = "H3027" very|strong = "H2088" angry|strong = "H3707"
 because|strong = "H4616" of|strong = "H3027" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" idols|strong = "H1544" that|strong = "H3605"
 they|strong = "H3808" have|strong = "H3027" made|strong = "H4639"
 (OR|strong = "H3808", because|strong = "H4616" of|strong = "H3027"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" wicked|strong = "H8478"
 things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3808"
 have|strong = "H3027" done|strong = "H4639"), w and|strong = "H3027" w*
 w my|strong = "H3605" w* w anger|strong = "H3707" w* w
 is|strong = "H2088" w* w like|strong = "H3808" w* a|strong = "H2088"

fire|strong = "H0784" that|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H3027"
 not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" extinguished|strong = "H3518".
²⁶ The|strong = "H8085" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" sent|strong = "H7971" you|strong = "H7971"
 to|strong = "H3478" ask|strong = "H1875" what|strong = "H1697"
 I|strong = "H3541", Yahweh|strong = "H3068", want|strong = "H4270".
 Go|strong = "H7971" and|strong = "H3063" tell|strong = "H8085"
 him|strong = "H7971" that|strong = "H8085" this|strong = "H3541"
 is|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1697" I|strong = "H3541",
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H8085" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H7971" Israelis
 worship|strong = "H3478", say|strong = "H1697" about|strong = "H1697"
 what|strong = "H1697" you|strong = "H7971" read|strong = "H7121": ²⁷
 "Because|strong = "H5921" you|strong = "H6440" heeded|strong = "H8085" w
 what|strong = "H1697" w* w was|strong = "H3068" w* w
 written|strong = "H3789" w* w in|strong = "H3427" w* w
 the|strong = "H6440" w* w scroll|strong = "H5612" w*, and|strong = "H3068"
 you|strong = "H6440" humbled|strong = "H3665" yourself|strong = "H3665"
 when|strong = "H8085" you|strong = "H6440" heard|strong = "H8085"
 what|strong = "H1697" I|strong = "H5921" said|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H3068" warn|strong = "H2094" w about|strong = "H5921" w* w
 what|strong = "H1697" w* w would|strong = "H3068" w* w
 happen|strong = "H1697" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w this|strong = "H2088"
 city|strong = "H5892" and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440"
 people|strong = "H3427" who|strong = "H3068" live|strong = "H3427"
 here|strong = "H2088", and|strong = "H3068" because|strong = "H5921"
 you|strong = "H6440" tore|strong = "H7167" your|strong = "H3068"
 robes|strong = "H0899" and|strong = "H3068" wept|strong = "H1058"
 in|strong = "H3427" my|strong = "H8085" presence|strong = "H6440",
 I|strong = "H5921" have|strong = "H3068" heard|strong = "H8085"
 you|strong = "H6440". ²⁸ So|strong = "H3808" I|strong = "H2005"
 will|strong = "H4428" allow|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H3605"
 to|strong = "H7725" die|strong = "H4191" and|strong = "H7725"
 be|strong = "H3808" buried|strong = "H6912" peacefully|strong = "H7965".
 I|strong = "H2005" will|strong = "H4428" cause|strong = "H1697"
 a|strong = "H7200" great|strong = "H7451" disaster|strong = "H7451"
 to|strong = "H7725" strike|strong = "H5221" this|strong = "H2088"
 place|strong = "H4725" and|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H3427" who|strong = "H3605" live|strong = "H3427"
 here|strong = "H2088", but|strong = "H3808" you|strong = "H3605"
 will|strong = "H4428" not|strong = "H3808" w be|strong = "H3808" w* w
 alive|strong = "H7200" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w see|strong = "H7200"
 it|strong = "H5921". ' ' '

So they reported to her the king's reply. ²⁹ Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and other w* w places in Judea. ³⁰ They went up together to the temple with the king's leaders of Judah and many other people of Jerusalem and other priests and other descendants of Levi, from the least important to the most important ones. And while they listened, the king read to them everything that was in the scroll containing God's laws that had been found in the temple.

31 Then the king stood next to the pillar w* w the entrance to the temple, w where w kings w stood when w they w announced something w important, and while listening, he repeated his promise to very sincerely and completely obey Yahweh and all

his|strong = "H3605" commands|strong = "H4687" and|strong = "H3068"
 regulations|strong = "H3789" and|strong = "H3068" decrees|strong = "H2706"
 that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1697" written|strong = "H3789"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" scroll|strong = "H5612".

32Then|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H3605" everyone|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3389" from|strong = "H3389" w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w tribe|strong = "H4294" w* w
 of|strong = "H3427" w* Benjamin|strong = "H1144" should|strong = "H6213"
 promise|strong = "H1285" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H6213"
 also|strong = "H6213" would|strong = "H6213" obey|strong = "H6213"
 those|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451". And|strong = "H3389"
 they|strong = "H6213" did|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3605", agreeing
 that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H6213" would|strong = "H6213"
 keep|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" agreement|strong = "H1285"
 that|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H0430", whom|strong = "H0834"
 their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001" had|strong = "H4672"
 worshiped|strong = "H7812", had|strong = "H4672" made|strong = "H6213"
 with|strong = "H1285" them|strong = "H6213".

33Josiah|strong = "H2977" w instructed|strong = "H6680" w* w
 his|strong = "H3605" w* w workers|strong = "H5647" w* w
 to|strong = "H3478" w* remove|strong = "H5493" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" detestable|strong = "H8441" idols|strong = "H1544"
 from|strong = "H5493" everywhere|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3478"
 the|strong = "H3605" land|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" Israeli people|strong = "H1121", and|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H3117" commanded|strong = "H6680" that|strong = "H3605"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1121"
 from|strong = "H5493" Israel|strong = "H3478" who|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H4672" should|strong = "H3068"
 worship|strong = "H5647" w only|strong = "H3605" w*
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" their|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068".
 And|strong = "H1121" as|strong = "H3117" long|strong = "H3117"
 as|strong = "H3117" Josiah|strong = "H2977" was|strong = "H3068"
 alive|strong = "H2416", the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H1121"
 did|strong = "H3478" what|strong = "H4100" was|strong = "H3068"
 pleasing|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H3478" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" whom|strong = "H0834"
 their|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 worshiped|strong = "H5647" w*.

Josiah led them in celebrating the Passover Festival

35 Josiah |strong="H2977" w |strong="H6680" w* w
 that |strong="H3068" w* w the |strong="H6213" w* w
 people |strong="H5971" w* w should |strong="H3068" w*
 celebrate |strong="H6213" the |strong="H6213" Passover |strong="H6453"
 Festival |strong="H2282" to |strong="H3068" honor |strong="H3519"
 Yahweh |strong="H3068" in |strong="H3068" Jerusalem |strong="H3389".
 So |strong="H6213" they |strong="H3068" slaughtered |strong="H7819"
 the |strong="H6213" lambs |strong="H3532" for |strong="H6213"
 the |strong="H6213" Passover |strong="H6453" w
 Festival |strong="H2282" w* at |strong="H3068" the |strong="H6213"
 end |strong="H7093" of |strong="H3068" March |strong="H1980". ²
 Josiah |strong="H2977" assigned |strong="H5656" to |strong="H3068"
 the |strong="H5921" priests |strong="H3548" the |strong="H5921"
 tasks |strong="H5656" that |strong="H3068" they |strong="H3068"
 should |strong="H3068" perform |strong="H6213" at |strong="H5921"
 the |strong="H5921" temple |strong="H1004" and |strong="H3068"
 encouraged |strong="H2388" them |strong="H5921" to |strong="H3068"
 do |strong="H3068" their |strong="H3068" work |strong="H5656"
 well |strong="H3190". ³ The |strong="H3605" w other |strong="H3605" w*
 descendants |strong="H1121" of |strong="H1121" Levi |strong="H3881"
 were |strong="H3478" the |strong="H3605" ones |strong="H6918"
 who |strong="H3605" taught |strong="H3925" all |strong="H3605"
 the |strong="H3605" Israeli people |strong="H5971"; they |strong="H3068"
 had |strong="H3068" been |strong="H5647" dedicated |strong="H6944"
 to |strong="H3478" serve |strong="H5647" Yahweh |strong="H3068".
 Josiah |strong="H2977" said |strong="H0559" to |strong="H3478"
 them |strong="H5414", "Put |strong="H5414" the |strong="H3605"
 Sacred |strong="H6944" Chest |strong="H0727" in |strong="H3478"
 the |strong="H3605" temple |strong="H1004" that |strong="H5971" w
 the |strong="H3605" w* w workers |strong="H5647" w* w
 of |strong="H1121" w* David's |strong="H1732" son |strong="H1121" w
 King |strong="H4428" w* Solomon |strong="H8010" of |strong="H1121"
 Israel |strong="H3478" built |strong="H1129". But |strong="H6258" w
 carry |strong="H4853" w* w it |strong="H5414" w* w
 on |strong="H3068" w* w poles |strong="H0905" w*; do |strong="H5647"
 not |strong="H5414" carry |strong="H4853" it |strong="H5414"
 on |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068" shoulders |strong="H3802".
 And |strong="H1121" do |strong="H5647" your |strong="H3068"
 your |strong="H3068" work |strong="H5647" well |strong="H3190"
 for |strong="H3068" Yahweh |strong="H3068" your |strong="H3068"
 God |strong="H3068" and |strong="H1121" for |strong="H3068"
 his |strong="H3605" Israeli people |strong="H5971". ⁴
 Divide |strong="H2505" yourselves |strong="H5315" into |strong="H0413"
 clans |strong="H1004", obeying |strong="H8085" the |strong="H3559"
 instructions |strong="H1697" that |strong="H3478" King |strong="H4428"
 David |strong="H1732" and |strong="H1121" his |strong="H1732"

son|strong = "H1121" Solomon|strong = "H8010" wrote|strong = "H3789".

5Then|strong = "H5975" stand|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5975" temple|strong = "H1004", with|strong = "H1004" one|strong = "H1121" group|strong = "H7235" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5975" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881" to|strong = "H1121" help|strong = "H5971" each|strong = "H5971" clan|strong = "H4940" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5975" people|strong = "H5971" w when|strong = "H1121" w* w they|strong = "H5971" w* w bring|strong = "H3881" w* w their|strong = "H5975" w* w offerings|strong = "H8002" w* w to|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H5975" w* w temple|strong = "H1004" w*. ⁶ Slaughter|strong = "H7819" the|strong = "H6213" lambs|strong = "H3532" for|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" Passover|strong = "H6453" w Festival|strong = "H2282" w*. Perform|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" rituals to|strong = "H3068" cause|strong = "H1697" yourselves|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H1697" acceptable|strong = "H7522" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" for|strong = "H6213" doing|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H6213" work|strong = "H6213". Prepare|strong = "H3559" the|strong = "H6213" sacrifices|strong = "H2077", doing|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H1697" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H1697" Moses|strong = "H4872" to|strong = "H3068" tell|strong = "H5046" you|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6213" should|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H6213"."

7Josiah|strong = "H2977" provided|strong = "H3557" w from|strong = "H1121" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w own|strong = "H5971" w* w flocks|strong = "H6629" w* w and|strong = "H1121" w* w herds|strong = "H1241" w* 30,000 sheep|strong = "H6629" and|strong = "H1121" goats|strong = "H5795" for|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453" sacrifices|strong = "H2077".

8His|strong = "H5414" officials|strong = "H8269" also|strong = "H5971" voluntarily|strong = "H5071" contributed|strong = "H7311" animals|strong = "H0929" for|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H3967" the|strong = "H5414" priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3967" the|strong = "H5414" w other|strong = "H0312" w* descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H1004" Levi|strong = "H3881". Hilkiah|strong = "H2518", Zechariah|strong = "H2148", and|strong = "H3967" Jehiel|strong = "H3171", the|strong = "H5414" officials|strong = "H8269" who|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H1004" charge|strong = "H5414"

of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H1004",
 gave|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414"
 priests|strong = "H3548" 2,600 lambs|strong = "H3532"
 and|strong = "H3967" 300 cattle|strong = "H1241" to|strong = "H5414"
 be|strong = "H5414" sacrifices|strong = "H2077" for|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5414" Passover|strong = "H6453". ⁹ And|strong = "H3967"
 Conaniah|strong = "H3562" along|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H1241"
 his|strong = "H7311" w younger|strong = "H6810" w*
 brothers|strong = "H0251" Shemaiah|strong = "H8098" and|strong = "H3967"
 Nethanel|strong = "H5417", and|strong = "H3967"
 Hashabiah|strong = "H2811", Jeiel|strong = "H3273", and|strong = "H3967"
 Jozabad|strong = "H3107", the|strong = "H7311" leaders|strong = "H8269"
 of|strong = "H8269" the|strong = "H7311" w other|strong = "H0312" w*
 descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H8269" Levi|strong = "H3881",
 provided|strong = "H3557" 5,000 lambs|strong = "H3532"
 and|strong = "H3967" 500 cattle|strong = "H1241" for|strong = "H1241"
 the|strong = "H7311" other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H8269" Levi|strong = "H3881", to|strong = "H3881"
 be|strong = "H1241" sacrifices|strong = "H2077" for|strong = "H1241"
 the|strong = "H7311" Passover|strong = "H6453".

10 Everything|strong = "H3605" w for|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w Passover|strong = "H6453" w*
 was|strong = "H4428" arranged|strong = "H6186": The|strong = "H5921"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 other|strong = "H0312" descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" stood|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H5921" places|strong = "H1116" in|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H5921" groups|strong = "H7218", like|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H4428"
 commanded|strong = "H4687". ¹¹ Then|strong = "H3548"
 they|strong = "H3027" slaughtered|strong = "H7819" the|strong = "H7819"
 Passover|strong = "H6453" lambs|strong = "H3532". The|strong = "H7819"
 priests|strong = "H3548" sprinkled|strong = "H2236" the|strong = "H7819"
 blood|strong = "H1818" w from|strong = "H3027" w* w
 the|strong = "H7819" w* w bowls|strong = "H4219" w* that|strong = "H3548"
 were|strong = "H3881" handed|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3027"
 them|strong = "H3027", while|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H7819" w
 other|strong = "H0312" w* descendants|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H3027"
 Levi|strong = "H3881" removed|strong = "H6584" the|strong = "H7819"
 skins|strong = "H5785" from|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H7819"
 animals|strong = "H0929". ¹² They|strong = "H3651" set|strong = "H5414"
 aside|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H5414" animals|strong = "H0929"
 to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3617"
 burned|strong = "H8313" on|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414"

altar|strong = "H4196", in|strong = "H3068" order|strong = "H4616"
 to|strong = "H3068" give|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414" various|strong = "H2921"
 family|strong = "H1004" groups|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H3068"
 offer|strong = "H7126" to|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 obeying|strong = "H8085" the|strong = "H5414"
 instructions|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H5971" were|strong = "H5971"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414"
 laws|strong = "H8451" God|strong = "H3068" gave|strong = "H5414"
 Moses|strong = "H4872". They|strong = "H3651" did|strong = "H5971"
 the|strong = "H5414" same|strong = "H3651" thing|strong = "H3651"
 with|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H5414" cattle|strong = "H1241". ¹³
 Obeying|strong = "H8085" those|strong = "H3605"
 regulations|strong = "H4941", they|strong = "H7323"
 roasted|strong = "H1310" the|strong = "H3605" lambs|strong = "H1121"
 for|strong = "H4941" the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453"
 over|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" fire|strong = "H0784".
 And|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H7323" boiled|strong = "H1310"
 the|strong = "H3605" w meat|strong = "H1320" w* w of|strong = "H1121" w*
 w the|strong = "H3605" w* sacred|strong = "H6944"
 offerings|strong = "H6453" in|strong = "H1121" pots|strong = "H5518"
 and|strong = "H1121" kettles|strong = "H1731" and|strong = "H1121"
 pans|strong = "H6745", and|strong = "H1121" served|strong = "H5647"
 the|strong = "H3605" meat|strong = "H1320" immediately|strong = "H6965"
 to|strong = "H1121" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" w who|strong = "H3605" w* w
 were|strong = "H5971" w* w there|strong = "H3605" w*. ¹⁴
 After|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588", they|strong = "H1992"
 prepared|strong = "H3559" meat|strong = "H1320" for|strong = "H3588"
 themselves|strong = "H1992" and|strong = "H1121" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" priests|strong = "H3548", because|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" priests|strong = "H3548" were|strong = "H1121"
 busy|strong = "H6213" until|strong = "H5704" nighttime,
 sacrificing|strong = "H2076" the|strong = "H3588" offerings|strong = "H5930"
 to|strong = "H5704" be|strong = "H1121" completely|strong = "H5704"
 burned|strong = "H8313" and|strong = "H1121" burning|strong = "H2740"
 the|strong = "H3588" fat|strong = "H2459" parts|strong = "H3411"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3588" offerings|strong = "H5930".
 So|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H3588" w other|strong = "H0312" w*
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 prepared|strong = "H3559" meat|strong = "H1320" for|strong = "H3588"
 themselves|strong = "H1992" and|strong = "H1121" for|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3588" priests|strong = "H3548", who|strong = "H3548"
 were|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Aaron|strong = "H0175", w the|strong = "H3588" w* w
 first|strong = "H1121" w* Supreme w Priest|strong = "H3548" w*.

15The|strong = "H5921" musicians|strong = "H7891",
 who|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H1121" descendants|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Asaph|strong = "H0623", stood|strong = "H3559"
 in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" places|strong = "H1116",
 as|strong = "H3588" King|strong = "H4428" David|strong = "H1732",
 Asaph|strong = "H0623", Heman|strong = "H1968", and|strong = "H1121"
 Jeduthun|strong = "H3038" the|strong = "H5921" king's|strong = "H4428"
 prophet|strong = "H2374" had|strong = "H1732"
 commanded|strong = "H4687". The|strong = "H5921" men|strong = "H1121"
 who|strong = "H1121" guarded|strong = "H8104" the|strong = "H5921"
 gates|strong = "H8179" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w*
 w temple|strong = "H1004" w* did|strong = "H1732" not|strong = "H3588"
 need|strong = "H4270" to|strong = "H5921" leave|strong = "H5493"
 their|strong = "H5921" places|strong = "H1116", because|strong = "H3588"
 their|strong = "H5921" fellow|strong = "H1121"
 descendants|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Levi|strong = "H3881"
 prepared|strong = "H3559" food|strong = "H3899" for|strong = "H3588"
 them|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" eat|strong = "H0398".

16So|strong = "H6213" on|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H3605"
 day|strong = "H3117" everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605"
 needed|strong = "H1767" to|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213"
 for|strong = "H5921" worshiping|strong = "H7812" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 was|strong = "H3068" done|strong = "H6213". They|strong = "H3117"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453"
 w Festival|strong = "H2282" w*, and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H3117"
 presented|strong = "H6213" offerings|strong = "H5930" to|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" completely|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" altar|strong = "H4196",
 which|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H6213"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977" had|strong = "H3068"
 commanded|strong = "H4687". ¹⁷ The|strong = "H6213" Israelis
 who|strong = "H1931" were|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H4672"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" Passover|strong = "H6453"
 w Festival|strong = "H2282" w* on|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117"
 day|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H1121" for|strong = "H6213"
 seven|strong = "H7651" days|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6213" Festival|strong = "H2282"
 of|strong = "H1121" w Eating|strong = "H0398" w*
 Unleavened|strong = "H4682" Bread|strong = "H4682". ¹⁸
 The|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453" w
 Festival|strong = "H2282" w* had|strong = "H3478" not|strong = "H3808"
 been|strong = "H3644" celebrated|strong = "H6213" like|strong = "H3644"
 that|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3427" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 since|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H3117"

that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" prophet|strong = "H5030"
 Samuel|strong = "H8050" lived|strong = "H3427". None|strong = "H3808"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605"
 kings|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 had|strong = "H3478" ever|strong = "H3117" celebrated|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" Passover|strong = "H6453" like|strong = "H3644"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977" did|strong = "H6213", along|strong = "H5921"
 with|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" priests|strong = "H3548",
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H4428" Levi|strong = "H3881", and|strong = "H3063"
 all|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w other|strong = "H3605" w*
 w people|strong = "H3427" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w*
 Judah|strong = "H3063" and|strong = "H3063" Israel|strong = "H3478"
 who|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H3478" there|strong = "H3427"
 with|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H3427"
 who|strong = "H3605" lived|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ¹⁹ They|strong = "H8141"
 celebrated|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H2088"
 Passover|strong = "H6453" Festival|strong = "H2282" when|strong = "H6213"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977" had|strong = "H2977" been|strong = "H1961"
 ruling|strong = "H4910" for|strong = "H6213" almost|strong = "H4592" 18
 years|strong = "H8141".
 The|strong = "H6213" end|strong = "H7093" of|strong = "H8141"
 Josiah's|strong = "H2977" life|strong = "H8141"

20After|strong = "H5921" Josiah|strong = "H2977" had|strong = "H4428"
 done|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605"
 things|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H3318" w restore|strong = "H5927" w*
 w the|strong = "H3605" w* w worship|strong = "H7812" w* w
 at|strong = "H5921" w* the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004",
 King|strong = "H4428" Neco|strong = "H5224" of|strong = "H4428"
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" went|strong = "H3318" w with|strong = "H1004" w*
 w his|strong = "H3605" w* w army|strong = "H5927" w* to|strong = "H3318"
 attack|strong = "H5927" Carchemish|strong = "H3751" w
 city|strong = "H5892" w* alongside|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 Euphrates|strong = "H6578" w River|strong = "H5104" w*,
 and|strong = "H4428" Josiah|strong = "H2977" marched|strong = "H5927" w
 with|strong = "H1004" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w
 army|strong = "H5927" w* to|strong = "H3318" fight|strong = "H3898"
 against|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5921". ²¹ Neco|strong = "H6549"
 sent|strong = "H7971" some|strong = "H3117" messengers|strong = "H4397"
 to|strong = "H7971" Josiah|strong = "H2977", to|strong = "H7971"
 tell|strong = "H5046" him|strong = "H5921", "You|strong = "H3588"
 are|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063", and|strong = "H3063"

there|strong = "H3117" is|strong = "H4100" certainly|strong = "H3588"
 no|strong = "H3808" quarrel|strong = "H7378" between|strong = "H4421"
 you|strong = "H3588" and|strong = "H3063" me|strong = "H7971".
 My|strong = "H5921" army|strong = "H4421" is|strong = "H4100"
 not|strong = "H3808" attacking|strong = "H5221" you|strong = "H3588"
 people|strong = "H3808"; we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H3117"
 attacking|strong = "H5221" another|strong = "H3808"
 army|strong = "H4421", w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 army|strong = "H4421" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w
 Babylonia|strong = "H0894" w*. God|strong = "H3808" has|strong = "H4428"
 told|strong = "H5046" me|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H7971"
 hurry|strong = "H4116". So|strong = "H7971" stop|strong = "H2308"
 opposing God|strong = "H3808", who|strong = "H3063" is|strong = "H4100"
 for|strong = "H3588" me|strong = "H7971". If|strong = "H3588"
 you|strong = "H3588" do|strong = "H4100" not|strong = "H3808"
 stop|strong = "H2308", God|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H4428"
 get|strong = "H7971" rid|strong = "H7971" of|strong = "H4428"
 you|strong = "H3588"."

22But|strong = "H3588" Josiah|strong = "H2977" would|strong = "H1697"
 not|strong = "H3808" pay|strong = "H8085" attention|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440". Instead|strong = "H3588",
 he|strong = "H3588" disguised|strong = "H2664" himself|strong = "H6440"
 in|strong = "H8085" order|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H6440"
 be|strong = "H3808" able|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H6440"
 attack|strong = "H3898" w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* w of|strong = "H1697" w* w
 Egypt|strong = "H4714" w* w without|strong = "H3808" w* w
 anyone|strong = "H3588" w* recognizing w him|strong = "H6440" w*.
 He|strong = "H3588" did|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808"
 pay|strong = "H8085" any|strong = "H4480" attention|strong = "H8085"
 to|strong = "H6440" what|strong = "H1697" God|strong = "H3808"
 had|strong = "H3588" told|strong = "H1697" Neco|strong = "H5224"
 to|strong = "H6440" say|strong = "H6310". Instead|strong = "H3588",
 he|strong = "H3588" w and|strong = "H6440" w* w his|strong = "H8085" w* w
 army|strong = "H2428" w* went|strong = "H5437" to|strong = "H6440"
 fight|strong = "H3898" Neco's army|strong = "H2428" at|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" plain|strong = "H1237" of|strong = "H1697"
 Megiddo|strong = "H4023".

23Some|strong = "H4480" Egyptian|strong = "H4713"
 archers|strong = "H3384" shot|strong = "H3384" King|strong = "H4428"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977". He|strong = "H3588" told|strong = "H5046"
 his|strong = "H3588" officers|strong = "H5650", "Take|strong = "H5674"
 me|strong = "H5674" away|strong = "H5674" from|strong = "H5674"

here|strong = "H6311" because|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588"
 am|strong = "H2470" badly|strong = "H3966" wounded|strong = "H2470".
²⁴ So|strong = "H4480" they|strong = "H5921" took|strong = "H7392"
 him|strong = "H5921" out|strong = "H4480" of|strong = "H5650"
 his|strong = "H3605" chariot|strong = "H7393" and|strong = "H3063"
 put|strong = "H4191" him|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921"
 another|strong = "H4480" chariot|strong = "H7393" that|strong = "H3605"
 he|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H3063" brought|strong = "H3212"
 with|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H3063"
 they|strong = "H5921" took|strong = "H7392" him|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H4191" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", where|strong = "H5921"
 he|strong = "H3605" died|strong = "H4191". He|strong = "H3605"
 was|strong = "H3063" buried|strong = "H6912" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" tombs|strong = "H6913" where|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H3605" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w had|strong = "H3063" w*
 w been|strong = "H5674" w* w buried|strong = "H6912" w*,
 and|strong = "H3063" all|strong = "H3605" w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H5650" w*
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" and|strong = "H3063" w
 other|strong = "H3605" w* w places|strong = "H3605" w* w
 in|strong = "H5921" w* Judah|strong = "H3063" mourned|strong = "H5594"
 for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921".

25w The|strong = "H3605" w* w prophet|strong = "H5030" w*
 Jeremiah|strong = "H3414" composed|strong = "H6969" a|strong = "H5414"
 song|strong = "H7891" to|strong = "H5704" mourn|strong = "H5921"
 for|strong = "H5704" Josiah|strong = "H2977", and|strong = "H3478"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H7891"
 and|strong = "H3478" women|strong = "H7891" singers|strong = "H7891"
 in|strong = "H5921" Israel|strong = "H3478" still|strong = "H5704"
 mourn|strong = "H5921" for|strong = "H5704" Josiah|strong = "H2977"
 by|strong = "H5921" singing|strong = "H7891" that|strong = "H3605"
 song|strong = "H7891". That|strong = "H3605" became|strong = "H3205"
 a|strong = "H5414" custom|strong = "H2706" in|strong = "H5921"
 Israel|strong = "H3478"; the|strong = "H3605" words|strong = "H1697"
 of|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" song|strong = "H7891"
 are|strong = "H3117" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921"
 a|strong = "H5414" scroll|strong = "H5612" of|strong = "H3117" funeral
 songs|strong = "H7892".

26-27A|strong = "H1961" record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H0834" happened|strong = "H1961" while|strong = "H5704"
 Josiah|strong = "H2977" ruled|strong = "H4427", from|strong = "H4480"
 the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H6256" he|strong = "H0834"

started|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H0413" rule|strong = "H4910"
 until|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H0834" died|strong = "H4191",
 including|strong = "H5704" how|strong = "H4100" he|strong = "H0834"
 faithfully|strong = "H0571" honored|strong = "H3513" God|strong = "H0430"
 by|strong = "H0801" obeying|strong = "H8085" everything|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H3068" written|strong = "H3789"
 in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H8451"
 of|strong = "H1121" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", is|strong = "H0369"
 in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" scroll|strong = "H5612"
 called|strong = "H7121" 'The|strong = "H3605" History|strong = "H8435"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" Kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H3967" Judah'.
 King Jehoahaz of Judah

36Then|strong = "H3947" the|strong = "H3947" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H1121" Judah|strong = "H3063" chose|strong = "H0977"
 Josiah's|strong = "H2977" son|strong = "H1121" Jehoahaz|strong = "H3059"
 and|strong = "H1121" appointed|strong = "H1121" him|strong = "H4427"
 as|strong = "H3389" the|strong = "H3947" king|strong = "H4427"
 in|strong = "H4427" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".

2Jehoahaz|strong = "H3099" was|strong = "H1121" 23
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H3389" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H1121"
 king|strong = "H4427", but|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3389"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H1121" w only|strong = "H0389" w* three|strong = "H7969"
 months|strong = "H2320". ³ King|strong = "H4428" Neco|strong = "H6549"
 of|strong = "H4428" Egypt|strong = "H4714" w captured|strong = "H3920" w*
 w him|strong = "H4428" w* w and|strong = "H3967" w*
 prevented|strong = "H5493" him|strong = "H4428" from|strong = "H5493"
 ruling|strong = "H4910" any|strong = "H3605" longer|strong = "H5493".
 He|strong = "H3389" also|strong = "H4428" forced|strong = "H4522"
 the|strong = "H5493" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063" to|strong = "H3389" pay|strong = "H3701"
 him|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H3389" tax|strong = "H4061"
 of|strong = "H4428" almost|strong = "H4592" four|strong = "H0702" tons
 of|strong = "H4428" silver|strong = "H3701" and|strong = "H3967"
 about|strong = "H4428" 75 pounds|strong = "H1993" of|strong = "H4428"
 gold|strong = "H2091". ⁴ The|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Egypt|strong = "H4714" appointed|strong = "H4427"
 Jehoahaz's|strong = "H3059" w younger|strong = "H6810" w*
 brother|strong = "H0251" Eliakim|strong = "H0471" to|strong = "H5921"
 be|strong = "H8034" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Judah|strong = "H3063". He|strong = "H3389"

changed|strong = "H5437" Eliakim's name|strong = "H8034"
 to|strong = "H5921" Jehoiakim|strong = "H3079". After|strong = "H5921"
 Neco|strong = "H5224" captured|strong = "H3947"
 Jehoahaz|strong = "H3099", he|strong = "H3389" took|strong = "H3947"
 him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" Egypt|strong = "H4714".
 King|strong = "H4428" Jehoiakim|strong = "H3079" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063"

5Jehoiakim|strong = "H3079" was|strong = "H3068" 25
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H6213"
 he|strong = "H6213" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H6213"
 king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H6213"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H6213" 11 years|strong = "H8141". He|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" things|strong = "H7451" that|strong = "H3068"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068"
 considers|strong = "H7919" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 evil|strong = "H7451". ⁶ Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 army|strong = "H5927" of|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428"
 Nebuchadnezzar|strong = "H5019" of|strong = "H4428"
 Babylon|strong = "H0894" attacked|strong = "H5927"
 Jehoiakim's|strong = "H5927" army|strong = "H5927".
 They|strong = "H5921" w captured|strong = "H3920" w* w
 Jehoiakim|strong = "H3079" w* w and|strong = "H4428" w*
 bound|strong = "H0631" him|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H5921"
 bronze|strong = "H5178" chains|strong = "H5178" and|strong = "H4428"
 took|strong = "H5927" him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3212"
 Babylon|strong = "H0894". ⁷ Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers|strong = "H5650"
 also|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H5414" valuable|strong = "H3368"
 things|strong = "H3627" from|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414"
 temple|strong = "H1004"; they|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068" Babylon|strong = "H0894"
 and|strong = "H3068" put|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414"
 in|strong = "H3068" king|strong = "H4428" Nebuchadnezzar's
 palace|strong = "H1004" there|strong = "H3068".

8A|strong = "H6213" record|strong = "H3789" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H5921" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" happened|strong = "H4672" while|strong = "H5921"
 Jehoiakim|strong = "H3079" was|strong = "H3478" ruling|strong = "H4910",
 the|strong = "H5921" detestable|strong = "H8441" things|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H6213" did|strong = "H6213",
 including|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" evil|strong = "H6213"
 things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697" people|strong = "H1121"

said|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H1697" he|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213", is|strong = "H1697" written|strong = "H3789"
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" scroll|strong = "H5612"
 called|strong = "H7121" "The|strong = "H5921" History|strong = "H8435"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H5921" Kings|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H1121" Israel|strong = "H3478" and|strong = "H1121" Judah'.
 After|strong = "H5921" w he|strong = "H6213" w* w was|strong = "H3478" w*
 w taken|strong = "H6213" w* w to|strong = "H3478" w* w
 Babylon|strong = "H0894" w*, his|strong = "H5921" son|strong = "H1121"
 Jehoiachin|strong = "H3078" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*.
 King|strong = "H4428" Jehoiachin|strong = "H3078" of|strong = "H1121"
 Judah|strong = "H3063"

9Jehoiachin|strong = "H3078" was|strong = "H3068" 18
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H3117"
 he|strong = "H3117" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H6213"
 king|strong = "H4427" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w*, and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H3117"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" from|strong = "H1121" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H6213" w only|strong = "H0389" w* three|strong = "H7969"
 months|strong = "H2320" and|strong = "H1121" ten|strong = "H6235"
 days|strong = "H3117". He|strong = "H3117" did|strong = "H6213"
 things|strong = "H7969" that|strong = "H3117" Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 considers|strong = "H7919" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 evil|strong = "H7451". ¹⁰ During|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H5921"
 spring|strong = "H8666" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 next|strong = "H5921" year|strong = "H8141", King|strong = "H4428"
 Nebuchadnezzar|strong = "H5019" sent|strong = "H7971" w
 soldiers|strong = "H5650" w* to|strong = "H3068" bring|strong = "H0935"
 him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H3068" Babylon|strong = "H0894".
 They|strong = "H3068" also|strong = "H3068" took|strong = "H4428"
 to|strong = "H3068" Babylon|strong = "H0894" many|strong = "H7227"
 valuable|strong = "H2532" things|strong = "H5973" from|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H5921" temple|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068". Then|strong = "H7971"
 Nebuchadnezzar|strong = "H5019" appointed|strong = "H4427"
 Jehoiachin's|strong = "H3112" uncle|strong = "H1730",
 Zedekiah|strong = "H6667", to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063".
 King|strong = "H4428" Zedekiah|strong = "H6667" of|strong = "H4428"
 Judah|strong = "H3063"

11 Zedekiah|strong = "H6667" was|strong = "H1121" 21
 years|strong = "H8141" old|strong = "H1121" when|strong = "H1121"
 he|strong = "H3389" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H6667"
 king|strong = "H4427", and|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H3389"
 ruled|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "H8141" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 for|strong = "H1121" 11 years|strong = "H8141". ¹² He|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" many|strong = "H3808" things|strong = "H7451"
 that|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068"
 God|strong = "H3068" considered to be|strong = "H3808"
 evil|strong = "H7451". And|strong = "H3068" he|strong = "H6213"
 did|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" humble|strong = "H3665"
 himself|strong = "H3665" when|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H6440"
 prophet|strong = "H5030" Jeremiah|strong = "H3414" gave|strong = "H6213"
 him|strong = "H6440" a|strong = "H6213" message|strong = "H3068"
 from|strong = "H6440" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" w to|strong = "H3068" w*
 w warn|strong = "H2094" w* w him|strong = "H6440" w*. ¹³
 He|strong = "H3068" would|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H1571"
 return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
 the|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H3068" that|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H1571" of|strong = "H4428"
 Israel|strong = "H3478" w said|strong = "H0559" w* w
 that|strong = "H3068" w* w they|strong = "H3068" w* w
 worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*. Zedekiah|strong = "H6667"
 also|strong = "H1571" rebelled|strong = "H4775" against|strong = "H4775"
 King|strong = "H4428" Nebuchadnezzar|strong = "H5019",
 who|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068" forced|strong = "H4522"
 him|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H7725" solemnly|strong = "H7650"
 promise|strong = "H7650" using|strong = "H5927" God's|strong = "H0430"
 name|strong = "H8034" w to|strong = "H7725" w* w be|strong = "H3068" w*
 w loyal|strong = "H3068" w* w to|strong = "H7725" w* w
 him|strong = "H7725" w*. Zedekiah|strong = "H6667"
 became|strong = "H7185" very|strong = "H1571" stubborn|strong = "H7185".
¹⁴ Furthermore|strong = "H1571", all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 leaders|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 priests|strong = "H3548" and|strong = "H3068" also|strong = "H1571"
 the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" w of|strong = "H1004" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* became|strong = "H4603" more|strong = "H7235"
 wicked|strong = "H7563" again|strong = "H1571", doing|strong = "H6213"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" detestable|strong = "H8441"
 things|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605"
 other|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H1471" did|strong = "H5971",
 and|strong = "H3068" causing|strong = "H7462" the|strong = "H3605"
 temple|strong = "H1004" in|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389"
 that|strong = "H5971" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" had|strong = "H3068"
 caused|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"

holy|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H2930" w
 an|strong = "H3068" w* unacceptable|strong = "H4284" w
 place|strong = "H1004" w* w to|strong = "H3068" w* w
 worship|strong = "H7812" w* w him|strong = "H2930" w*.
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" was|strong = "H3068" ruined|strong = "H2930"

15Yahweh|strong = "H3068", the|strong = "H5921" God|strong = "H3068"
 whom|strong = "H5971" the|strong = "H5921" ancestors|strong = "H0001" w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w the|strong = "H5921" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w of|strong = "H3068" w* w
 Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w belonged|strong = "H1961" w* w
 to|strong = "H3068" w*/w worshiped|strong = "H7812" w*,
 gave|strong = "H7971" messages|strong = "H2372" to|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030" many|strong = "H7227"
 times|strong = "H3027", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 prophets|strong = "H5030" told|strong = "H5046" those|strong = "H5921"
 messages|strong = "H2372" to|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H3068" Judah|strong = "H3063".
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" did|strong = "H5971" that|strong = "H3588"
 because|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" pitied|strong = "H2550"
 his|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H3068"
 did|strong = "H5971" not|strong = "H3588" want|strong = "H4270"
 his|strong = "H3068" temple|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3027" destroyed|strong = "H4229". ¹⁶ But|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971" continually|strong = "H3068"
 made|strong = "H1961" fun of|strong = "H3068" God's|strong = "H0430"
 messengers|strong = "H4397". They|strong = "H3068"
 despised|strong = "H0959" God's|strong = "H0430"
 messages|strong = "H1697". They|strong = "H3068" ridiculed
 his|strong = "H3068" prophets|strong = "H5030", until|strong = "H5704"
 finally|strong = "H5704" God|strong = "H3068" became|strong = "H1961"
 extremely|strong = "H5704" angry|strong = "H2534" with|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971", with|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3068" result|strong = "H6903" that|strong = "H5971"
 nothing|strong = "H1697" could|strong = "H1697" stop|strong = "H2308"
 him|strong = "H5927" w from|strong = "H5927" w* w
 destroying|strong = "H7843" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*. ¹⁷
 He|strong = "H3605" incited|strong = "H5496" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Babylonia|strong = "H3778"
 to|strong = "H5927" attack|strong = "H5927" w Judah|strong = "H3063" w* w
 with|strong = "H1004" w* w his|strong = "H3605" w* w
 army|strong = "H5927" w*. They|strong = "H3808" killed|strong = "H2026"
 the|strong = "H3605" young|strong = "H5288" men|strong = "H2205"
 with|strong = "H1004" their|strong = "H3605" swords|strong = "H2719",
 even|strong = "H3808" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"

temple|strong = "H1004". They|strong = "H3808" did|strong = "H3808"
 not|strong = "H3808" spare|strong = "H2550"/pity|strong = "H2550"
 anyone|strong = "H3605", young|strong = "H5288" men|strong = "H2205"
 or|strong = "H3808" young|strong = "H5288" women|strong = "H1330"
 or|strong = "H3808" old|strong = "H2205" people|strong = "H3808".
 God|strong = "H5414" enabled|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605"
 army|strong = "H5927" of|strong = "H4428"
 Nebuchadnezzar|strong = "H5019" to|strong = "H5927" kill|strong = "H2026"
 all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H5414". ¹⁸
 His|strong = "H3605" soldiers|strong = "H5650" took|strong = "H4428"
 to|strong = "H3068" Babylon|strong = "H0894" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H1419" that|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H8269" used|strong = "H3627" in|strong = "H3068"
 God's|strong = "H0430" temple|strong = "H1004"—big|strong = "H0931"
 things|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H3068" little|strong = "H6996"
 things|strong = "H1419", all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H1419", and|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" valuable|strong = "H3368" things|strong = "H1419"
 that|strong = "H3605" belonged|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H3068"
 his|strong = "H3605" officials|strong = "H8269". ¹⁹ They|strong = "H3605"
 burned|strong = "H8313" the|strong = "H3605" temple|strong = "H1004",
 and|strong = "H1004" they|strong = "H3605" broke|strong = "H5422"
 down|strong = "H5422" the|strong = "H3605" wall|strong = "H2346"
 surrounding|strong = "H5439" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389".
 They|strong = "H3605" burned|strong = "H8313" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" palaces|strong = "H0759" w in|strong = "H1004" w* w
 Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" w* and|strong = "H1004"
 destroyed|strong = "H7843" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 remaining|strong = "H8300" valuable|strong = "H4261"
 things|strong = "H3605" there|strong = "H3605".

20Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers|strong = "H5650" took|strong = "H1961"
 to|strong = "H5704" Babylon|strong = "H0894" the|strong = "H4480"
 remaining|strong = "H8300" people|strong = "H1121" who|strong = "H1121"
 had|strong = "H1961" not|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961"
 killed|strong = "H2719" with|strong = "H4480" their|strong = "H1961"
 swords|strong = "H2719". Then|strong = "H1961" those|strong = "H4480"
 people|strong = "H1121" became|strong = "H4427" the|strong = "H4480"
 king's|strong = "H4428" slaves|strong = "H5650" and|strong = "H1121"
 his|strong = "H1540" son's|strong = "H1121" slaves|strong = "H5650",
 until|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H4480" w army|strong = "H2428" w* w
 of|strong = "H1121" w* w the|strong = "H4480" w* king|strong = "H4427"
 of|strong = "H1121" Persia|strong = "H6539" conquered|strong = "H5221" w
 the|strong = "H4480" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* w

of|strong = "H1121" w* w Babylonia|strong = "H0894" w*. 21 w
 Moses|strong = "H4872" w* w had|strong = "H3068" w* w
 said|strong = "H1697" w* w that|strong = "H3605" w* w
 every|strong = "H3605" w* w seventh|strong = "H7637" w* w
 year|strong = "H8141" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 people|strong = "H5971" w* w must|strong = "H4191" w* w
 not|strong = "H5704" w* w plant|strong = "H5193" w* w
 their|strong = "H3605" w* w fields|strong = "H7704" w*; w
 they|strong = "H3117" w* w must|strong = "H4191" w* w
 allow|strong = "H5414" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 soil|strong = "H0127" w* w to|strong = "H5704" w* w
 rest|strong = "H7673" w*. w But|strong = "H3605" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w people|strong = "H5971" w* w
 had|strong = "H3068" w* w not|strong = "H5704" w* w
 done|strong = "H1697" w* w that|strong = "H3605" w*. w
 So|strong = "H1697" w* w after|strong = "H3117" w* w
 the|strong = "H3605" w* w army|strong = "H2428" w* w
 of|strong = "H3068" w* w Babylonia|strong = "H0894" w* w
 destroyed|strong = "H8074" w* w Judah|strong = "H3063" w*,
 the|strong = "H3605" soil|strong = "H0127" was|strong = "H3068"
 allowed|strong = "H3068" to|strong = "H5704" rest|strong = "H7673".
 That|strong = "H3605" continued|strong = "H5674" for|strong = "H5704" 70
 years|strong = "H8141", fulfilling|strong = "H4390" what|strong = "H1697"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H1697" Jeremiah|strong = "H3414"
 and|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H1697" Jeremiah|strong = "H3414"
 had|strong = "H3068"
 predicted|strong = "H1696"/prophesied|strong = "H5012"
 would|strong = "H3068" happen|strong = "H1697".

22 During|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" first|strong = "H7223"
 year|strong = "H8141" that|strong = "H3605" Cyrus|strong = "H3566"
 was|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 of|strong = "H4428" Persia|strong = "H6539", in|strong = "H8141"
 order|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3605" what|strong = "H1697"
 Yahweh|strong = "H3068" told|strong = "H1697" Jeremiah|strong = "H3414"
 would|strong = "H3068" happen|strong = "H1697" would|strong = "H3068"
 occur|strong = "H1961", Yahweh|strong = "H3068"
 motivated|strong = "H0834" Cyrus|strong = "H3566" to|strong = "H3068"
 write|strong = "H3789" this|strong = "H1697" and|strong = "H3068"
 proclaim|strong = "H5674" it|strong = "H3615" throughout|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4438":

23 "I|strong = "H5414", Cyrus|strong = "H3566", the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" Persia|strong = "H6539",
 declare|strong = "H5046" that|strong = "H5971" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",

the|strong = "H3605" God|strong = "H3068" w who|strong = "H4310"w* w
 rules|strong = "H4428"w* in|strong = "H5921" heaven|strong = "H8064",
 has|strong = "H3068" enabled|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3068" become|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605"
 ruler|strong = "H6485" of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" kingdoms|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "H4428"
 this|strong = "H1931" world|strong = "H8398". And|strong = "H3063"
 he|strong = "H1931" wants|strong = "H2656" me|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H3068" w command|strong = "H5921"w* w
 that|strong = "H5971"w* w my|strong = "H5414"w* w
 workers|strong = "H1129"w* build|strong = "H1129" a|strong = "H5414"
 temple|strong = "H1004" a|strong = "H5414" temple|strong = "H1004"
 be|strong = "H3068" built|strong = "H1129" for|strong = "H5921"
 him|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389",
 which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H3068" in|strong = "H5921"
 Judah|strong = "H3063". Any|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" living|strong = "H3605"
 among|strong = "H5973" you|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H4428" Persia|strong = "H6539" are|strong = "H5971"
 allowed|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3068" go|strong = "H5927"
 to|strong = "H3068" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". And|strong = "H3063"
 I|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H3068" pray|strong = "H6419"
 that|strong = "H5971" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" will|strong = "H3068"
 be|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H5973" them|strong = "H5414".